

The Banana Benders BUGLE

JANUARY 2012

Wavell Whirlaways Sunshine Squares SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.



A.G.M. DANCE & MEETING



SATURDAY ~ 24th MARCH 2012

7.00 p.m.

WAVELL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HALL
EDINBURGH CASTLE RD, WAVELL HEIGHTS
(OPPOSITE BRAE STREET)

ADMISSION: \$ 8.00

PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR SUPPER

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FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN, FELLOWSHIP
& DANCING

- RAFFLES -

- SURPRISES -

- PRIZES -

ALL ENQUIRIES

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CALLERS & CUERS

PLEASE REGISTER BY 6th MARCH 2012

Celebrate Life. Live ~ Laugh ~ Love

I hope your new year has started off well and all dancers are 'up and at it'. I notice a few new correspondence personal doing their bit for their club and good on them.

In some cases for this month only the following guide lines have been ignored. Just to freshen your memories. Articles to the Bugle have a limit of 400 words or there about. That will fill one half page column. The maximum size ad is A5 landscape. An A5 landscape size add fills one HALF of a page.

Ads for associated organisations my get a bigger ads at times.

Normally a notice will go out advising the close off date for articles to go in the next Bugle.

I will do my best to get that newsletter out on the week end closest to the end of the month. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Noel Miller

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Wonderful to be putting on our dancing shoes, greeting our many Clogging friends as they come in the door, tapping away as we listen to the beat, then UP AND AWAY as another year of happy times stretches out before us.

Taking a step back into last year, sincere thanks to those who supported, by way of prizes and buying tickets, the Clogging Clubs of Brisbane's fund-raising effort on behalf of Breast Cancer research. A cheque for \$437.00 was forwarded to the Cancer Council of Queensland who have expressed their appreciation for our efforts.

Now on with 2012..... The many friends of Maureen, who dances at Caboolture and Bribie Island and is a member of the Get Rhythm Dance Team, and husband Dave will be pleased to know that Dave has come through major surgery in mid-January remarkably well. Our best wishes go to both of them.

The Get Rhythm Dance Team are back holding their regular practice sessions, with a number of performance/demo dates already in the team's diaries.

A short working stint in Cambodia sees Diana B. of Gold Coast Cloggers back home with her group of dancers.

To the many who have enquired "Where's Mary?" let it be known that Mary and husband Gentleman John (or Jack- he doesn't mind) have moved permanently to Hastings Point to their patch of heaven.

Never fear though, Mary and John make the journey regularly to Chugs at Greenslopes and Sunstate at Runcorn so that Mary can 'do her thing'- Clog the night away amongst friends who love her as much as she loves us. GO! GIRL!

Speaking of Chug-a-Lugs Club, an amazing 25 years have gone by since the Club started off, and 19th May sees a full day of dancing at Greenslopes to celebrate the occasion, with lots of dancing, eats, dancing, music, dancing, laughter, dancing, and one heck of a good time. Cloggers from all over, PLUS those who have hung up their shoes but would like to see friends from other days, and spectators, are very welcome to attend. Admission is free.

The Fifty-PLUS Club is still going strong every Monday morning at 157 Ann Street (twenty paces from King George Square) as we await the completion of the mammoth task of refurbishing the Brisbane City Hall.

Olive, Dian and myself will once again be conducting classes, so come along as we introduce Beginners to our favourite pastime, followed by some easy Clogging, then off for a round of coffee and cake and shopping in the Queen Street Mall.

A hint of what is on the horizon for Cloggers-

16th, 17th and 18th March sees the ever-popular STORM KING Clogging Camp being held at Joyner (North of Brisbane).

ACA National President, Jenny Neal (07 5482 1749) and co-Gympie Leader, Edith Sandy (07 5482 2306) will give you all the info. you need.

The Urban & Country Music Festival at Caboolture is scheduled to be held on the 5th, 6th and 7th May at the Historical Village, Beerburum Rd.

Clogging is once again very pleased to accept an invitation to be part of the Festival on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a Social Dance on Sunday night.

AUSSIE CLOG Camp at Redland Bay is set down for the 27th, 28th and 29th July. Olive has the facts at her fingertips on 07 3345 3066.

The ACA National Clogging Convention will be hosted by our South Australian friends. Dates are 21st, 22nd and 23rd September, so check on travel arrangements and accommodation- it promises to be a beauty!

Convenor is Michael Carroll- dahmac@dodo.com.au (0487 385 382).

Dancer Registrations- Cathy Cancarz- catjan@bigpond.com, telephone 0408 082 049.

Check out the ACA website- www.cloggingaustralia.com

Thanks Bugle Editor, Noel for your patience, but you know us Cloggers- **we love to spread the word.**

In Clogging, the smile on your face moves to another happy place- your feet- keep dancing.

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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A WORD OF THANKS

I would like to sincerely thank the Callers and Dancers who attended my husband Steve's funeral in Bundaberg in August. Many thanks to Clubs and Square Dancers for your flowers and cards. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by myself and Family.

Shirley Kelly

My Apologies to Shirley re the above notice. It was available to go in the last Bugle 2011 and I missed it.

Noel Miller

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Caller: Matthew Mills

Our Christmas Dance was held on 3rd December. We were visited by a bus load of dancers from Rockhampton and a dancer from Maryborough. Our caller, Matthew, was joined by his brother, Michael Mills from Rockhampton. Their great calling and friendly banter meant that a good time was had by all.

*Kind Regards
Averil Brookes*

Rocky Twirlers Club News

Rocky Twirlers and Capricorn Waves had a great finish to the year with a bus trip to Bundaberg for their FREE Christmas Dance on 3rd and 4th December 2011. Approx 27 Dancers attended the Bus Trip and had a Great Time. We then carried this onto the Rockhampton Clubs' combined Christmas Party on 10th December 2011. With over 3 sets in attendance, it was a Great Night for all.

Suncoasters

Our Christmas Party was a great success, and the large crowd were thrilled with the cabaret-style performance of our Vice-President, Cath Fox. As in previous years, Barry, Helen, Natasha and Paul produced a magnificent stage setting for the evening. Photos of this fun evening can be found on our recently established facebook page:

www.facebook.com/suncoasters and on our twitter - sun coasting. During the year we held a social lunch for our members and friends and it was a great success, so we are planning more for 2012. Our experience of conducting membership drives has persuaded us that this year we should look to attract smaller numbers of beginners and offer basic lessons in a more concentrated form.

You can't judge a person by their actions unless you know the reasons for their actions.

I Remember....

It was in the 1990s that Alan Thomas, a resident of Lamb Island, started to teach square dancing in the small Lamb Island hall. My daughter Kate attended and on her arrival home said "Mum you will just love it". How right she was! Each Tuesday night we would gather, 30 people at first, who hardly knew their left from their right. What chaos and what laughter! The unsinkable Joyce Betts was always manning the tea pot.

Winter came and our numbers dropped. We took a break. We heard there was a dancer on Russell Island, so we relocated to the church hall there. Problem was to get there on Saturday night, no suitable ferry!

My son Tim offered to take us in his yacht. How romantic it was sailing home singing. After a near miss with another anchored and unlit yacht, we changed our plans. We were able to rent the modern "Town Hall" near the jetty on Russell on Saturday mornings and our club blossomed. We had members from the mainland and all the bay islands, including Coochie.

We had 5 squares often. Our parties were famous, guests coming from the Gold Coast and The Sunshine Coast. We even hired a ferry to bring our guests over. They went home with leftovers from our fabulous suppers, having another supper on the way. And who can forget our dedicated "tea lady" David?

However "Tempus Fugit" and 2011 saw our numbers dropping. Some moved away and others "matured". The time has come to say farewell and we just hate to go. We've allemanded our last corner and dosied our last do.

What wonderful memories

Laurine Mawson

Hervey Bay Square Dancers 28/12/11

The Hervey Bay Square Dancers would like to wish all readers and contributors of the Bugle a fantastic New Year with best wishes for a year of good health and great dancing in 2012. We are looking forward to a very active year.

We are continuing with our usual Monday Plus night and Wednesday Mainstream night. However, in order to try and get new members, we will be trialling a day time session on Saturdays and discontinuing our Thursday afternoon. Partly, to that end, Brian Hotchkies will present a 'Come-N-Try' event late March as well as calling for our normal Club nights. We are so fortunate to have Brian call here on his way to and from Rockhampton and we really appreciate his effort. He is a fantastic ambassador for square dancing. Following the 'Come'n'Try' we hope to start a beginners' sessions as part of the Wednesday night program as well.

We are continuing to collaborate with the Maryborough Hoe Downers and dovetail our two caller programs. We are looking forward to many great familiar visiting callers and some new ones too, in Hervey Bay. The guest callers do an awesome job with their travelling, accommodation of individual club's wishes and their wonderful and inspiring presentations and calling. Thanks to you all. We really appreciate your enthusiastic efforts in promoting Square Dancing.

We have been planning for over a year for the BIG event of this year; the hosting of the 2012 State Convention. We have a good number of registrations and hope more will apply by the Early Bird cut off date of 30th April 2012. (sorry, the Super Early Bird Special is now closed) We have a wonderful line-up of callers. Our planning is going well and we look forward to meeting new dancers and regreting dancers we have met at past Square Dancing Conventions and events.

We are sure you will have an amazing time dancing and enjoying the friendliness and relaxing atmosphere of Hervey Bay. Do come and join us, at any time when you are this way, you're always welcome.

Happy Dancing all! From all the members of the Hervey Bay Square Dance Club.

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding along through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far off in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling ties. The Taliban asked "Do you have water?" The Jew replied "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5". The Taliban shouted "IDIOT! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need WATER! I should kill you, but I must find water first." "OK". said the old Jew. "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the East for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need. Shalom". Muttering, the Taliban staggered away over the hill. Several hours later he staggered back. "Your **** brother won't let me in without a tie".

DON'T MESS WITH OLD MEN

The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could outdo anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen.

After several minutes, the older worker had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that out building that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, Dumbly, get in."

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LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCE CENTRE
8th ANNIVERSARY DANCE
FEATURING CALLER
JANICE ALEXANDER (Vic)
11th FEBRUARY 2012

Logan City Square Dance Centre
161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon Plus 2pm - 4.30pm

Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm

Admission; **Afternoon \$8.00 per person**

Evening \$10.00 per person or \$16.00 for both sessions

Juniors under (16 yrs) \$6.00 afternoon \$8.00 evening or \$12.00 for both **SESSIONS**

Supper provided

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

The hall will remain open between sessions for those wishing to stay on. Showers available.

BYO basket tea or there are several food outlets close by.

Dawn Savage says THANKS.

A big' thank you' to all of my square dance friends who came and made my 80th Birthday such a night to remember.

Without you it would not have happened.

I DO THANK YOU.....HEAPS.

Dawn Savage

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Its not the number of years in your life that counts; it's the amount of life in your years.

Eddie McGuire flies to Baghdad to watch a young Iraqi play Aussie rules and is suitably impressed and arranges for him to come over to Collingwood. He's signed to a one-year contract and the kid joins the team for the pre-season. Two weeks later the magpies are down by 6 goals to Carlton with only 10 minutes left. The coach gives the young Iraqi the nod and he goes in. The kid is a sensation - kicks 7 goals in 10 minutes and wins the game for the magpies! The fans are thrilled, the players and coaches are delighted, and the media are in love with the new star. When the player comes off the ground he phones his mum to tell her about his first day of AFL.

'Hello mum, guess what?' he says. 'I played for 10 minutes today, we were 6 goals down, but I kicked 7 goals and we won. Everybody loves me, the fans, the media...'

'Wonderful,' says his mum, 'Let me tell you about my day. Your father got shot in the street and robbed, your sister and I were ambushed and beaten, and your brother has joined a gang of looters, and all while you were having such great time.'

The young Iraqi is very upset. What can I say mum, I'm so sorry.'

'Sorry? You're sorry?' says his mum, 'It's your fault we moved to Collingwood in the first place!'

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RAMBLING EIGHTS CLUB CAMP

LAKE PERSEVERANCE

March 16th 17th & 18th 2012

This year our theme will be "IRISH"

It is not too late to register!

If you haven't had the pleasure of joining us at one of our camps before, we enthusiastically invite you in 2012. Once again, we will be holding our club camp at Lake Perseverance.

Noel McKenzie will be joining David in providing challenging and enjoyable Square Dance sessions. Other callers who attend will also be programmed during the weekend. Jane Rayner will bring us Round Dancing. Some Line Dances will also be programmed if time permits.

Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge is approx. 45 km from Esk. The accommodation is modern timber cabins with en-suites, connected by covered walkways and set in natural bushland on the edge of the lake. The recreation hall doubles as a dining hall. It has a well-equipped kitchen and all meals will be cooked for us.

As well as Dancing, there are plenty of areas provided for outdoor activities such as Bocce, Tennis, Table Tennis, Putting, Basketball, and Bush-walking.

As Saint Patrick's Day falls on this weekend, the theme chosen by Club members this year is "Irish". We are sure there are many ways that you can think of to include something Irish or Green for the camp. You can dress in themed outfits at the main Saturday night dance. We are sure that you can find some interesting items for the after party to compliment this theme.

Included in the program will be: A variety of Dance Sessions, Workshops, Outdoor activities, an "Irish" Party Dance and After-Party fun.

Please see the registration form in this Bugle or on our WEB site: www.ramblingeights.org

For further information please contact David or Faith Phone 32631408 or e-mail davidp8@bigpond.net.au

2012 QLD Square Dancing Events

- 11 Feb LCSDI 8th Anniversary 2pm Plus, 7Rds, 7.30 M/S
11 Feb Hervey Bay SD Club 7pm squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com
17 Feb Rambling Eights 26th Birthday Party 7.30pm
18 Feb Suncoasters SDC Dance – M/S 7 Rds, 7.30 M/S
24 Feb Salad Bowl Squares – “Back To School” 7.30pm M/S & Plus
2-4 Mar Bundaberg Dance Weekend
10 Mar LCSDI Saturday Dance 7.30
16-18 Mar Rambling Eights SD Camp)
21 Mar Hervey Bay SD Club Dance 7pm Wednesday
23-25 Mar Capricorn Waves SD Club 9th Birthday, Nth Rockhampton
24 Mar SD Soc of QLD AGM Dance & Meeting, 7pm Wavell Ht
24 Mar Maryborough SD Club 23rd Birthday Afternoon & Evening
26 Mar Hervey Bay SD Club Dance 7pm Monday
30 Mar Salad Bowl Squares – “Nautical & Nice” 7.30pm
31 Mar Suncoasters SDC Dance “G” Theme 7 Rds, 7.30 M/S

Rambling Eights Camp - Registration Form

CAMP DATES: March 16th 17th & 18th Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge

COST: ADULTS: \$125.00 CHILDREN (under 16 yrs) \$75.00
This includes accommodation and all meals from Saturday Breakfast to Sunday Lunch.

Please include \$50.00 deposit per person with your registration. Balance by 12th February 2012

Deposit paid:-..... Date:-..... Receipt No. (.....)

Units have en-suites and accommodate up to six people. If you like to share with a particular group of friends; we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

NAME/S

ADDRESS

Post Code

PHONE

We are happy to Share with:

Special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian.....)

WAIVER: I agree to hold the organisers of the Rambling Eights Club Camp, their agents and families, harmless of any suits, claims and demands of any kind and character arising out of and in conjunction with this event.

All campers who register please sign this form:-

We will have a limit to our total numbers, so please register early.

Registrations to: Faith Pearce, 12 Nemira St. Carseldine. Qld. 4034

Please make cheques payable to: RAMBLING EIGHTS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Electronic Funds Transfer please use: BSB 638-080, Acc No. 9955100 include your name as reference on transfer.

Enquiries Phone 07 3263 1408

Or e-mail to davidp8@bigpond.net.au