

# The <sup>Banana</sup> Benders BUGLE

July 2011

## The 31<sup>st</sup> Queensland State Square Dance Convention

The 31<sup>st</sup> Queensland State Square Dance Convention was held on the fourth weekend in May this year, to honour the Toowoomba Square Dance Festival which was held for many, many years at this time.

Bill McHardy, who with his wife Beth, ran the "Garden City Promenaders" Club for more than forty years, officially opened the weekend. Although Bill closed the Club about four years ago due to ill health, he still calls for U3A and a Senior Citizens Group. What a fine gentleman he is and still able to woo the crowd with his interesting stories of square dancing days gone by and fine singing calls. Bill reminisced that at one big event he called square dancing moves for helicopters. This was a huge success and plans were made for the following year however the senior officer who had liaised with Bill was transferred shortly afterwards.

It was good to know that the Q.C.A. can give time to honour an elderly, senior caller by allowing him time to publicly reflect, as it gives newer dancers a sense of history and the excitement of square dancing days not so long ago.

On Saturday night at least 13 clubs took part in the Banner Parade. It was wonderful to have so many people from so many clubs there to enjoy the atmosphere and friendship of square dancing. On Friday and Saturday nights there were between 120 and 150 people in attendance.

The stage decorations, which consisted of a back drop with an old house and hall and cut-out musicians, reflected the theme of "Home On The Range".

The dancing was terrific with all the callers giving energetic and enthusiastic hoedowns some of which challenged but always delighted the dancers. The singing calls were melodious, and sometimes very fast paced and as one very experienced dancer said "The dancing here is as good as it gets."

Highlights of the weekend must include: Bill McHardy & his son Malcolm calling together again. (Although Malcolm doesn't call at present due to family and work commitments, at one stage both he and Bill called together and were often featured callers at weekends away.)

A certain caller decided to entertain those watching with the Hully Gully while others were line dancing.

And of course there were the wonderfully entertaining Mills brothers, dressed in black, who were joined by a third blue suited" brother" thus becoming The Blues Brothers. Their interesting patter was both verbal and physical. *I look forward to more of this type of entertainment next year.*

Many of our senior dancers have happy memories of past, great Toowoomba weekends and now those of us who were at this year's State Convention, have our own wonderful memories of Toowoomba as well. Thank you to the Q.C.A. for the organisation, the talented callers and the caterers who supplied the "yummy" suppers. The friendly dancers were the "icing on the cake".

*I can't wait until next year when we can look forward to another great State Convention, this time at Hervey Bay. Roll on September 2012.*

Margaret Ford

The Bugle:- 29 Bluegrass Crt.  
Eight Mile Plains 4113

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## STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

By the time you read this our National Clogging Convention in Cairns will have concluded in a blaze of glorious Clogging with many a happy, if foot-weary dancer staying on for some sight-seeing in the fabulous north of our State.

Many of the attendees, some with family members, arrived early and did the scenic jaunts so popular with visitors to the region.

A nice surge of registrations saw over 300 Cloggers from around Australia and overseas renewing friendships and making new ones as Cairns and the surrounding area made us feel very welcome.

The mega-effort put in by Nina, Chris and the rest of the Committee paid out in platinum with a wonderful result.

The organisers wish to thank all who attended, including those who helped with setting up the venue and lending a hand during the Convention. CLOGGERS TRULY ARE FAMILY! Motoring back to Gympie via the National Clogging Convention from their journey to Cape York are Jenny and Dennis who will be home in time to catch their breath and then prepare for the Gympie Muster in late August.

Aussie Clog arrangements are well in hand for September with Olive keen to hear from participants old and new to what is a bonza bayside blowout of Clogging at Redland Bay where you literally eat, sleep and dance all on site. What more could we ask?

Get Rhythm Team practice is well under way for the Probus big event at Samford at the end of July.

Our thoughts are with our dear friend, Helen, one of a group of wonderful Gold Coast Cloggers who motor up the M1 every Monday night to attend Chug-A-Lug Cloggers at Greenslopes.

Helen has health issues, but she knows we all love her and that she and her family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Best Wishes, Frances

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### Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre's

260 Dixon Road, Buderim, Queensland.

**26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance August 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> 2011**

featuring

## **"Nev McLachlan & The Mills Brothers"**

Round Dance Cued by Bev McLachlan

**DANCE TICKET PRICES Full Week-end \$ 28.00**

**Session \$ 8.00 Each Session** available at the door

#### PROPOSED PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

|                 |                 |   |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>FRIDAY</b>   | 7.30 pm         | Welcome Dance (MS)  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b> | 12.30 – 4.30 pm | Plus with "A" brackets and Rounds                           |
|                 | 7.00 - 7.45 pm  | Rounds  |
|                 | 7.45 - 10.30 pm | Mainstream  |
|                 | 10.30 pm        | After Party – Camp fire and Entertainment with Gene Medford |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>   | 12.30 – 4.30 pm | Mainstream with Plus brackets and Rounds                    |

**BOOK & PAY EARLY** - limited powered sites available for your caravan, camper or tent.  
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**Nev & Bev McLachlan**

**Phone** (07) 5445 1238, **Fax** (07) 5445 6742, or write PO Box 248 Buderim 4556,  
**Email** [NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com](mailto:NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com)

## CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

### BUNDABERG

We welcome guests Sid and Pauline, visiting from Adelaide. They were able to come to our Michael Mills Saturday afternoon, plus session on 4<sup>th</sup> June, as well as some of our Friday night dances.

Five members of Cane Country Squares recently travelled to Toowoomba for the State Convention, and three of our members headed to Darwin for the National Convention.

Our thanks go to Michael Mills who came down from Rockhampton and called for our club on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June. We all had a fabulous week-end. Some of our newer members who hadn't heard Michael call were surprised at how fast they had to dance.

Our next club event isn't till the 29<sup>th</sup> July, and it's a dress up night. We have to dress in something starting with the initials of our christian name or surname.

### WAVELL WHIRLWAYS

As writers we have been very slack in our job. Wavell has been very busy this year with a couple of dress up nights and an Easter Bonnet Parade to get the crafty minds working. We also helped with the Flood Relief Dance and Association AGM. In May about 30 dancers and friends went to Twelfth Night Theatre to see the Doris Day Show featuring Melinda Snyder. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon with friends having a great sing-a-long. Thank you Robyn for arranging for the tickets and everything else needed to organise the afternoon. Can't wait for the next club outing.

Around a dozen or so club members attended the State Convention in Toowoomba and all voted it a great weekend. Many now prepaid for the next State Convention in Harvey Bay 2012. Carmel and George left Toowoomba to drive to Darwin for the National towing a new Caravan. From all reports it was a successful trip and they as many others enjoyed the dancing and friendship of the Convention.

Preparation is now well under way for the Sunshine State Roundup being run by Sunshine Square and Rounds and Wavell Whirlways.

June and Margaret

## Rambling Eights Activities.

The last month has seen many kilometres travelled by Rambling Eights dancers.

Christine & Kevin, Sue & Peter went to the National Convention in Darwin. Brian & Barbara are "Four Wheeling" it around central west Queensland, (last heard of at Cania Gorge). The "kings of travel" at the moment are Julian & Pam who are on a World Cruise. The last we heard from them, was from Dubai. They have done Langwai & Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, the Taj Mahal in India and they are about to go to the tallest building in the world, in Dubai - Burj Khalifa. It's 127 stories high, and has an observation deck on 125th level. It is the largest mall in world nearly 1200 shops in all and 7 sq klm in area. That must be shopping heaven !.

One of the ways Rambling Eights encourages friendship and socializing is by holding a couple of BBQs each year. These are very helpful in planning events and getting new ideas for things to do on club nights and as social events. They give all our dancers the opportunity to find out how the club runs, and to have input into what they would like to see accomplished, which we consider to be an important feature of our club. It also presents an opportunity for newer dancers to get involved in the running of the club and to help with our party nights.

The next BBQ will be at David and Faith's home on Sunday 17th July.

Our plans for our "**Christmas in July**" dance on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July are well in hand. Dancers from other clubs (who do not normally dance on Fridays), are invited. Visiting callers are also welcome.

One of our successful nights in the past has been a **Soup Night**. This happens when four or five dancers bring a pot of Home Made Soup while another couple of dancers bring some bread rolls. It is amazing the delicious recipes that are unearthed. This is planned for August 19<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally this is a month of cool evenings so hot soup will not go astray.

Contributed by David Pearce

*BEAUTY PARLOR:*

*A place where women curl up and dye.*

## Round Dance Corner - QRDA. [www.rounddanceqld.com](http://www.rounddanceqld.com)

K-D Round Dance Evening. QRDA is hosting this evening dance on 21st July at St. Agnes School Hall. Logan Rd, Mt.Gravatt. Dancing will commence at 7 pm The evening will finish with supper at 10pm.

This dance is always a great one and all phases will be catered for.

### QRDA's BIG DAY OF DANCE

This dance, on 24th September, is the BIG teaching workshop for the year.

The first session commences at 9 am and the day concludes with a general dance at 7pm through to about 9.30.

There will be four different rhythms taught during the day . ranging from phase 4 in the first teach through to a different "fun" rhythm in the last session- 3 to 5 pm.

The day will be held at the Cavendish Road State School at Holland and Cavendish Roads, Holland Park.

**Beginners classes:** Allemander's mid year class is progressing well . Instead of the usual waltz starting point, the class has commenced with Tango and Jive as the first rhythms to be taught. This has proved popular with the beginners and they are enjoying these two forms of dance.

**All our travelers to Darwin for the Convention have now returned safely and enjoyed the experience. Any changes to the Convention lists made at the Convention will be available on the QRDA website; [www.rounddanceqld.com](http://www.rounddanceqld.com) in the near future.**



### *Rambling Eights*



#### CHRISTMAS in JULY DANCE

FRIDAY 22nd July

ST PIUS ~ Golda Ave. Salisbury

**COME ALONG !! YOU ARE WELCOME !!**

The fun starts 7.30 pm

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLES AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

Admission \$6.00

Visiting Dancers need not bring supper however any contributions will be appreciated

Visiting Callers and Cuers are Welcome

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**Logan City Square Dancers Inc  
Plus and A Level Weekend  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**Alan Evans and Kay Walker**

**Logan City Square Dance Centre, 161A Magnesium Drive, Crestmead**

**Saturday**

(Session 1) 1- 3pm A Level workshop

(Session 2) 3 - 5pm Plus workshop

(Session 3) 7pm Rounds 7.30pm Plus 6 - 9pm including 2A Level Brackets.

**Sunday**

(Session 4) 3 - 5pm A Level dancing

(Session 5) 6 - 9pm Plus Dancing

**Afternoon sessions \$6.00 ea; Evening sessions \$8.00 ea;**

**Full weekend ticket \$30.00 ea.**

Hall will remain open between afternoon and evening sessions. Feel free to bring a basket tea. Showers available.

Enquiries phone Jane Rayner; 3299 7717 Email: [cysquare@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cysquare@optusnet.com.au)

**June 9, 2011**

**TO: Square Dancing Society of Qld**

**I would like to thank the Square Dancing Society of Queensland for the generous cheque I received to assist me with the damage caused by the devastating floods which swept through Bundaberg last January.**

**All the fences around my half acre property were wiped out along with almost all the trees, bushes, plants in that area. I had a beautiful garden which I prided myself in and then suddenly it was a wasteland. Lucky for me, the water stopped one metre from entering the house. There was over \$5000 damage to the property. I very much appreciate the support given by square dancers with this donation. Insurance would have covered the damage but in doing so would have increased my policy three times more.**

**I would like to share the following with you: two volunteer members of the Bundaberg Lions Club came around to help me clean up, however after taking one look at what they would have to clean they said, and I quote, "Oh, that's too hard for us". I received no help from anyone, not even the local Bundaberg Council. The work was left to myself and an elderly lady friend, during which I pulled three discs in my back and had pain for over two months. I am still receiving treatment, although the pain has considerably subsided – like the water...**

**The cheque came as a great relief to the stress and expenses I have experienced since January.**

**Thank you all very much.**

**Graham V Rushton  
Bundaberg Cane Country Squares**

# YOUR SOCIETY WANTS YOU JOIN NOW

**Being a Member gives you**

**The right to attend all Society meetings and vote on any issue**

**Allows you to nominate for a position on the Management Committee**

## **Accident Insurance**

**covers you for any accident incurred from the time you leave home to attend a dance until you return home.**

**Membership 1st July 2011 – 30th June 2012**

**\$10.00**

## **THE 45<sup>th</sup> NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CONVENTION of ROUND and SQUARE DANCING**

This event was held in Dunedin, over the NZ Queen's Birthday celebration weekend, June 3-5. The Brisbane contingent consisted of caller Alan Evans and his wife Jane, plus Barry and I from Gumdale, and 2 couples from Northside Promenaders.

We missed the club night on Thursday, due to the late arrival of our flight, so had to wait till Friday night to dance. We soon adapted to their style of dance, with lowered arms for left allemande, and arms crossed in front to promenade- but conversely hands up to make a star, or ladies chain across.

Each square dance was preceded by a round dance, which is very popular in NZ There were also 5 different "presentations" by round dancing couples over the weekend, with instructions being made available for cuers.

The crowd was friendly and welcoming, as we renewed acquaintance with some we had met previously at Lake Haven. The dances were all well organised and ran strictly to time. Plus and A1 was held on Sunday, and much to my surprise, the Sunday night dance, was at least as well attended, as the Saturday ones. The organisers were disappointed in the number of dancers registered- 152- as they had been hoping for about 200.

Three Australian callers joined with the NZ callers for a variety of styles- all were well received, and Alan Evens deserved the huge rounds of applause after his calls.

The weather was very kind to us, and apart from a chilly wind at night, we were blessed with fine, cool conditions, encouraging us to walk, and explore in our non dancing time.

Dunedin is a beautiful city, steeped in Scottish heritage, supporting the surrounding farmlands and the Catlins tourist area of Southern New Zealand.

Next year the National Convention is to be held in Palmerston North, on the North island of New Zealand

Heather Pennington

Gumdale Grandsliders

Brisbane

**Sunday 31st July  
and  
Sunday 14th August  
at  
2:00pm to 4:00pm**

# **MAINSTREAM WORKSHOPS**

**WITH  
KAY WALKER**

**Pamphlett Sea Scouts,  
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KAY WILL BE WORKSHOPPING  
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**Tea and  
coffee  
provided**     **\$6 per person  
\$12 per family**

**Kay 32028723    Aaron 33780825**

The Australian Contingent who visited New Zealand for their Convention



Back Row: - Barry Pennington, Ron Prdeaux, Barry Ball, Alan evens.

Front Row: - Heather Pennington, Hazel Prdeaux, Corle Ball, Jane Evens

**WRINKLES:**

*Something other people have, similar to my character lines*

**DUST:**

*Mud with the juice squeezed out.*

**HANDKERCHIEF:**

*Cold Storage.*

**TOMORROW:**

*One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.*

## SALAD BOWL SQUARES BIRTHDAY DANCE

On Friday night, the 24<sup>th</sup> June, Salad Bowl Squares celebrated forty-one years of dancing. The night was rather cool but we had four squares for Mainstream and two for Plus. Unfortunately, our Club President, Charles Lawson, was unable to attend due to a family emergency in Melbourne. He was much missed as he is always the life of any party. The Society President, Noel Miller, arrived a little late and was made most welcome.

We were lucky to have three guest callers, Glenn Wilson from Northside Promenaders at Geebung, Gene Medford from Redland Bay and Graham Brandon from Carina Carousels. The hall was beautifully decorated with balloons and streamers in the colours of our badge, yellow, green and red. The large cut-out strawberries were a reminder of the time when the surrounding area was indeed a salad bowl of fruits and vegetables.

Kay gave us a great night with her sweet singing voice and crafty "lefties". Glenn enjoyed himself watching us fall over our feet with moves that we should have known but didn't. After Glenn's fiendish call Gene took pity on us and called smooth and easy, reassuring us that we were great dancers after all. Graham penned a special song for our birthday and we concentrated so hard on his wise words, we missed calls and laughed so much, we missed more. Just goes to show, you can't go wrong with square dancing. You have a great time when you do it well and still have a great time when you make a hash of it.

Dianne compiled a wonderful album of the history of the club and it was interesting to see our dancers back in their own "salad days". It was particularly nice to see our Kay as a slip of a girl. She looked lovely but, like fine wine, she has improved with age and maturity.

Margaret Ford baked an absolutely delicious cake which was cut by our life members, Jim and Kathy O'Loughlin.

Although the night was cool, jumpers were discarded and we were warmed by the dancing and the happy fellowship. Our musicman, Aaron Hoppe, was persuaded to take the microphone to announce the door prize and raffle winners. He usually keeps in the background except when he semaphores messages to Kay on stage which, he tells us, she skilfully ignores. Thanks to Kay and Aaron, our committee members, visitors from other clubs, including Bev and Harold Liley from Gumdale and all who attended on the night. We hope to see you all next year for our forty-second.

*By Fay Moore, SBS Member*

Salad Days – Time of one's inexperienced youth (Ref. Oxford Dictionary)

### **Square Dancing at Mary MacKillop's School on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

A square dance demonstration was arranged at the Mary McKillop School by Ann Usherwood. Her daughter Lucy, is the vacation care co-ordinator at this establishment.

Square Dance Clubs from the Redland Bay area Gumdale Grandsliders, Salad Bowl Squares and Redland Bay Seniors combined to form two squares of dancers. Gene Medford, the caller at Redland Bay Seniors, led the dancers in a brief demonstration and then the children joined in eagerly. Simple moves were the order of the day and they learnt very quickly.

Their enthusiasm was contagious and the co-ordinators, Lucy and Hanna, had as much fun as the children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed practising line dancing from the four year olds through to the co-ordinators and even some reluctant square dancers.

The children had iced cup cakes in the morning to serve to the participants with afternoon tea.

Following refreshments some of the children, together with Hanna, decided to play square dancing and used the moves that Gene had taught them. *It was so good to see the children initiate this themselves and it makes one wonder how many young people would actually be interested in square dancing if the opportunity was presented to them.* It was a wonderful afternoon and Lucy and Hanna gave their many thanks to all who attended.

**SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE  
260 DIXON RD. BUDERIM**

Suncoasters combined some of their Basic, Mainstream and Plus groups and hired a bus to join the Easy Squares in Caboolture for their Wild West night. This was our Basic group's first exposure to a "dance night" and they haven't stopped talking about how good it was. It's really spurred them on with their learning and reignited their enthusiasm. The evening's callers catered for all of the levels present, and we were also treated to a call from Elaine, winner of the 2010 amateur caller's competition.

The annual migration of Kiwis to Buderim has commenced, just in time for the Darwin convention. Nev, Bev and Gary were there with a significant number of our regular dancers. Gene Medford stepped in for us and has continued our lessons and workshops, as well as calling for us on a Saturday night.

We plan to accept a new intake of Basic beginners in July when Nev will be back. In response to members' requests at our brainstorming session in February and a survey conducted earlier this year there will be changes made to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday schedule from July through to October. Many of our members are positive that there are a lot of members who would join in on Saturdays if we started and finished earlier. These changes are only relevant for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from July to October.

Each year around this time Cath Fox organises an Old Time Ball. The proceeds go towards maintenance of our Dance Centre hall. Details and advertising are well in hand, and Cath's hard work has paid off with local businesses generously donating prizes for the evening. Our building fund is increasing but like most places, there will always be a need for it.

**SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE  
260 DIXON RD. BUDERIM**

**SUNCOASTERS 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY SCHEDULE DANCE TIMES  
JULY THROUGH TO OCTOBER**

4.30 pm – 6.30 pm Fun Mainstream  
with a Plus bracket

6.30 – 7.00 Meal break - light supper provided.

(This may include things like soup or casserole or salad)

7.00 – 7.30 Rounds

7.30 – 9.30 Mainstream

9.30- Supper – Basket BYO

Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided.

Ph. 5445 1238

You are at 34 degrees, 34-97 minutes south latitude and 150 degrees, 34-52 minutes east longitude

She rolls her eyes and says: "You must be a Liberal voter!"

"I am," says the fisherman. "How did you know?"

"Well," answers the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to do with your information, and I'm still lost. Frankly, you're not much help to me! If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The man smiled and replies, "You must be a Labor voter."

"I am," she said, "how did you know?"

"Well," he says, "you don't know where you are, where you are going, or how to get there. You've risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise you have no idea how to keep, and now you expect me solve your problem. You're in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's all my fault."

A woman in a hot air balloon realises she is lost. She reduces her altitude and spots a man fishing in a boat below.

She shouts to him: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but now I don't know where I am, or which way to go to get there."

The man consults his GPS and replies: "You are in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 10 metres above the ground elevation of 115 metres above mean sea

## STEPPING OUT IN STYLE !!

Good styling is smooth dancing .... Smooth dancing is Good Styling!  
*Compiled by Steve Sandeman (Third of a three part series)*

Some dancers worry that they will not have sufficient time to complete the call and tend to PUSH their way around the square. This is not necessary!...the caller will allow enough time for each move. To take fewer than the number of required steps for comfortable dancing means that you'll be rushing things. Relax and move to the beat of the music...of the music...of the music.

QUICKEES: Keep Stars & Promenades even and STRAIGHT!...Keep hands up in promnade...SMILE!!...Don't rock back, or balance, on the Grand Right or Left...Don't jerk, push, or over-exaggerate any of the movements...Try(!) completing a Grand Square in 64 beats, taking one step for each beat!! Be Unique!!...TRY(!) Dancing proper back-to-back Do-SA-Dos!

### SKIRT WORK

Ladies, there is no strict "rule" for skirt work, as it's really an individual feeling for the music and use of your skirt. A few guidelines, however, may help. When your hand is free and there is time, you may flip the skirt forward or back, as it feels comfortable for you. On "Weave the Ring", grasp a hand full of petticoat through your skirt and flare it (sloowly) as you weave past the men; as you pass right shoulders, bring your right shoulder forward a bit and, with your right hand, flare the skirt; as you pass left shoulders, rotate the left shoulder slightly forward and with your left hand, flare the skirt again. If you like the "Skaters" promenade position with left hand joined and the gent's right hand at the small of the ladies's back, this leaves the ladies' right hand free to do skirt work-with the music-on the promenade.

There are a few other places where the ladies can exercise good skirt-work. Such is the case with "couples Circulate" where the lady should hold the skirt and petticoat with the free hand when the ladies are on the end of a line formation.

### S W I N G

Most new dancers are taught the "walk-around" Swing because it is easier for new dancers to learn. If you use the "Buzz-Step" Swing where right feet are forward, side by side, and the left foot pushes, much as pushing a scooter, keep in mind that the action is to be smooth with no bouncing up and down. If you gents think a twirl follows every Swing, we must tell you, the twirl is strictly the ladies choice and is best left off unless you are moving into a promenade when the twirl is done as you progress forward. Never twirl the lady when the next call is "Circle Left" or "Allemande left". IF there is a twirl, remember, men, your left hand merely assists the woman, it does not wind her up!! Ladies, if you do not wish to twirl, do not put your hand up for the gent to take hold of it. And, men, every time you Swing a lady, she becomes your new partner. Finally, on this point, a lady will enjoy a Swing much more if her feet stay on the floor!!

Be a Square Dancer...not a Square "Stander". When not active, do not stand motionless in place like some bit of statuary but, rather, move slightly to the rhythm of the music. This constant being in motion keeps you alert and ready for whatever is to happen next. The importance of motion in time with the music's tempo cannot be overemphasized, for it is the element of which we "dance". Don't "fall asleep at the switch"....you're really never an inactive dancer at any time!

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## **2011 Qld Square Dancing Events**

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| <b>9 July</b>     | <b>Logan City Square Dancers Inc Dance</b><br>Enq: Jane 3299 7717  |
| <b>8-10 July</b>  | <b>Rocky Twirlers 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dance Rockhampton</b><br>Enq: Michael (07) 4928 6626  |
| <b>13 July</b>    | <b>Gumdale Grandsliders<br/>International Night Ball</b><br><b>Caller: Alan Evans</b> Enq: Harold 3207 3577  |
| <b>14 July</b>    | <b>Carina Carousels' 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dance 1pm</b>  |
| <b>16 July</b>    | <b>Burleigh Squares Birthday Dance</b><br><b>Caller: Alan Evans</b> Enq. Sue (07) 3472 5556  |
| <b>22 July</b>    | <b>Rambling Eights Christmas In July</b><br>Enq: David & Faith 3263 1408   |
| <b>23-24 July</b> | <b>LCSDC Plus and A Level Weekend</b><br>Enq: Jane Rayner 3299 7717  |
| <b>23 July</b>    | <b>Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club<br/>Xmas in July</b> Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617   |
| <b>29 July</b>    | <b>Salad Bowl Squares<br/>Soup and Damper Night</b><br>Enq: Dianne Strange 3824 3899   |
| <b>30 July</b>    | <b>Pine Rivers Senior Citizens<br/>Christmas In July</b><br>Enq: Margaret 3285 2130 or Jan 3385 9947   |
| <b>30 July</b>    | <b>Suncoasters 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance<br/>Black &amp; White Night</b><br><b><u><a href="http://www.suncoasters.com.au">www.suncoasters.com.au</a></u></b> |
| <b>5-7 Aug</b>    | <b>Weekend Sunshine Coast SD Centre<br/>26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary <u><a href="http://www.suncoasters.com.au">www.suncoasters.com.au</a></u></b>                |
| <b>6 Aug</b>      | <b>Hervey Bay SDC "Stage &amp; Screen"<br/>2pm&amp;7pm Squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com</b>  |

## **Watch Your Language.**

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers.

Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium.

She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Tom, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him." You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Tom must have experienced. "Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain." We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place." Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom. "Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely." All the men sighed with unified relief.

The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say. A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "I'm Tom Smith." The entire congregation held its brea.

"I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

Many of the things you can count,  
don't count.

Many of the things you can't  
count, really count.

*Albert Einstein*

A doctor was addressing a large audience in Oxford ...

"The material we put into our stomachs should have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is full of steroids and dye. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG.

High transfat diets can be disastrous and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and most of us have, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?"

After several seconds of quiet, a 70-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake."

## A VERY GENTEEL WAY OF EXPRESSING AN OPINION.

A man was getting ready to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer approached and asked if he could join him. The first said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome. They were even after the first two holes. The second man said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?" The first man said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed to the terms. The second man won the remaining sixteen holes with ease. As they were walking off number eighteen, the second man was busy counting his \$80.00. He confessed that he was the pro at a neighbouring course and liked to pick on suckers. The first man then revealed that he was the parish priest. The pro was flustered and apologetic, offering to return the money. The priest said, "You won fair and square and I was foolish to bet with you. You keep your winnings." The pro said, "Is there anything I can do to make it up to you?" The priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation. And, if you want to bring your mother and father along, I'll marry them."

### **CARINA CAROUSELS ARE TURNING NINETEEN**

Please join us at  
**The Seniors' Hall 1 Edmonds St. Carina**  
**1PM. 14th July**  
To help us Celebrate.  
A plate towards afternoon tea  
would be appreciated.

Apology I have been asked to send the Bugle using a BCC address system. I did not do this with the June addition. I will try and remember in future.

An Adult:  
A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

CANNIBAL:  
Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE:  
A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

### **GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS SQUARE DANCING CLUB Inc.**

Come Dressed as a  
resident of your  
favourite country

Present their

**INTERNATIONAL BALL**  
**WEDNESDAY 7.30 Pm 13th July**  
**Alexandra Hill Community Hall.**

Raffles  
Door Prizes  
Alan Evens

Cnr. Finucane & Windemere Rds. Alexandra Hills

Come Dressed as a resident of your favourite country

This is a short film about a dog & a dolphin.

If you have the time and want to see a beautiful little film this is it and it is relaxing.

How they ever made this film is a mystery. .

[Http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=Yfbchq0xQmQ&vq=medium#t=](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Yfbchq0xQmQ&vq=medium#t=)

And Finally.....

The funds raised at the AGM Dance and distributed to the needy recipients who suffered at the floods were not given out without due consideration. I would like to thank the individuals who attended to the distribution of these funds.

Square Dancing in Queensland is fortunate in having individuals who are prepared to take on these jobs so willingly and do them so diligently.

At present, the Executive of the Queensland Society is spread far and wide across the country. Vice-President Leighton and Sandra are in the west of the country where Leighton slipped on some rocks and injured his right wrist.

Secretary Carole and husband Fred are in western Queensland I'm told and should be home about the end of the month.

Treasurer Alan Rayner is busy assisting his brother in a mining venture about two hours west of Gympie.

Registrar Harold Liley is at home waiting for you to renew your membership Or become a member in the Society.

A couple of facts :- There are not too many organisations who do not have an annual fee.

There are no organisations I know of which have an annual membership fee as small as Square Dancing in Queensland.

I probably bore you by my urging you to renew, rejoin or join the Society as an individual member.

You may not see any direct benefit to you as an individual. You may not go to Society events to witness some of the activities. You may not be interested in attending a Society meeting

but you do receive the benefit of these activities.

How? You are reading one. These newsletters don't just appear.

The AGM Dance was a product of a couple of very well organised and enthusiastic Clubs.

We did intend the Society's share of the revenue of this event to go into the Society coffers but we had no hesitation in giving any profit to those in need. That was a very rewarding event and well worth attending.

On the afternoon of 27<sup>th</sup> August at the same venue as the Round Up, the QCA (Callers' Organisation) run the Gala Dance.

This includes the Amateur Callers' Contest. This revenue is part of the funds used to train Callers. The remainder of the cost of operating the Caller education program comes out of the Queensland Convention and the fees Callers pay to be a Caller.

The Round Up on the 27<sup>th</sup> August, to be held at the Albany Creek Community Hall in Ernie St. Albany Creek, is another Society event. Yes, we would really appreciate as much support as possible for this event. There are dancers working quietly doing their very best to restore the spirit which was part of these events in the past. Your support would be a very nice way to show your appreciation of fellow dancers' efforts. There will be more about this event in the next Bugle.

Promotion: this activity is probably the hardest job to have in any organisation. So what is going on in this area? (The 'we' of whom I write are yours truly and a Television Production organisation).

We are well into the examination of and rewriting of the libretto, a script and activity sheets, for the DVD venture. Planning and arranging filming of scenes is the next thing to accomplish.

It has taken five plus years to get this idea this far. Will it work? Nothing is guaranteed when it comes to promotion but making it and trying it is better than wondering 'will it work?'

Nothing could be done about this project until funds were forthcoming from a State Government Gambling Grant. How would you like to be the person who spent about ten grand of Society funds and the idea did not work?

No, not all people are in favour of this venture but, to the best of my knowledge, no one has come up with an idea which gets significant results since the Life Be In it campaign, many years back. No Society funds are involved. The filming will be accomplished without any significant disruption to any dancer or Club. And at least we will have tried "SOMETHING" to get more dancers into Clubs.

Please consider supporting the RoundUp and the QCA GALA & Amateur Callers' Contest. There will be a Sausage Sizzle between the afternoon and evening sessions. There will be a 'Dressed Set Parade' during the evening session. More info next Bugle.

Until next month,  
Best Wishes,

Noel Miller

PRESIDENT SDSQ