

The Banana Benders Bugle

June 2007

My Scribble

Calendar of Events

At present there is a big drive to get all dancers to join the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. as individual members. If it has not been brought to your attention, ask the club office holders about it. I can well imagine dancers not in Brisbane asking "What is the point in joining the Society? How are we going to be heard unless we can get to a Society meeting?"

You are reading the mouthpiece which is prepared to publish your ideas and suggestions. I will even publish some complaints if they are fair and there is a possible solution involved.

We all love our square dancing or you would not be reading this now.

A beautiful Chinese proverb affirms :
*One Generation Plants The Tree,
Another Gets the Shade.*

We are all being asked to do our own individual bit of 'gardening' now.

To a number of dancers the Society is an irrelevance and without purpose or action. This may be true to a degree but whose fault is that? The group who do attend are obviously limited in their achievements by the small number of delegates present.

The new Executive of the Society is going to need as much support as possible. This whole new constitution has been constructed around the dancers. Every one of you who join the Society, and it is hoped that is all Queensland Square Dancers, will be helping and you will not be limited in scope within the Society, if that is your desire.

"At days end a group working together can accomplish more things than any individual would dare to dream of." *Wayne Bennett*

Within there is the first of a few articles explaining what is trying to be achieved with the new constitution. If you have any questions please contact the Bugle and an answer or explanation will be available and published for all to read.

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JUNE

- 7 – 11 National Convention Adelaide
- 8 S Bar B with guest caller Tom Phillip
- 16 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Saturday Dance With Glen Wilson
- 23 Lighthouse Sq, 27th. Birthday
- 29 Salad Bowl Squares Soup Night
- 30 Pine Rivers "Come Incognito" Wear a Mask Dance
- 30 Beginners' Round Dance – 7.30pm
Camp Hill School of Arts

JULY

- 14 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Saturday Dance
- 14 – 16 Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance Mackay
- 20 – 22 Rocky Twirlers 10th. Birthday Dance
Rockhampton
- 20 – 22 Heritage City Hoedowners Maryborough
David Smythe Calling
- 27 Salad Bowl Squares Wine and Cheese Night,
- 27 Rambling 8s Christmas in July
- 28 K-Dee Round Dance Evening,
St Agnes' Parish Hall, Mt Gravatt

AUGUST

- 3 – 5 Anniversary W'end Buderim Jerry Jestin (USA)
Calling
- 8 Gumdale Square Dance Ball
- 11 Q.C.A. Quarterly Meeting Bundaberg
- 15 Hervey Bay Squares - David Pearce Calling
- 18 Society Delegates Dance Cardwell
- 18 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Saturday Dance
- 25 Society General Meeting
- 31 Salad Bowl Squares Club Birthday Night
- 31- 2 12th ACA National Clogging Convention

Reproduced courtesy of

Shave for a Cure.

G'day All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Square Dancers who supported me in my recent decision to "**Shave for a Cure**". As promised, I did the deed at the recent Snakes Alive Dance. For those who weren't there to view this occasion, I would also like to thank Barbara Handley, ex president of Lighthouse Squares, who accompanied me in this cause.

We normally have a theme for the Snakes Alive Dance, and when Brian asked for the theme this year I jokingly said, "**Shave for a Cure**" and we expect you to join us.

Surprise, surprise, Brian also had his head shaved. What a trooper. His new name is **Uncle Fester**. I would like to thank, and make special mention of, the following clubs for their support and donations. Mothar Mountain Moonshiners, Hervey Bay, Cane Country Squares, Lighthouse Squares, Pine Rivers Senior Citizens, Northside Promenaders, Gumdale Grandsliders, Salad Bowl Squares and last but not least, EZ Squares.

Also, to all the dancers who supported this cause, either personally, through their Clubs or on the night, a big **thank you**.

With your help, I managed to raise \$1,011.20 for the Leukaemia Foundation. If someone does a similar thing in the future, I would like to think you will again rise to the occasion.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

ROD DINTE

The Shortest Story.

A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The story must contain the following three components:

- (1) Religion
- (2) Sex
- (3) Mystery

There was only one A+ paper in the entire class. This is the A+ story:

Good God!
I'm pregnant.
I wonder who did it.

STEPPING OUT WTH CLOGGING

How very proud we all are of the efforts put in by the enthusiastic clan of Cloggers who set a right merry pace at the Urban Country Music Festival, then backed up the following Saturday at the Ipswich Show.

Always a royal hoot is Chug-a-Lugs Birthday/Anniversary all-day celebrations, and this year's festivities were no exception. Lots of dancers, lots of dancing and lots of fun.

The Brisbane Eisteddfod proved to be another worthwhile venue to show the World (well, Brisvegas anyway) what Cloggers do and how they do it. AND we were awarded 3rd place in our category. Talk about excitement.

A line up of Queensland dancers took off to Vision Valley for the 2007 Sydney Clogging Festival. We Cloggers sure love to get around!

Olive is still taking registrations for the AUSSIE CLOG WEEKEND, hosted by Sunstate & Brisbane Cloggers, Venue is the same- KINDILAN at Redland Bay. See you there on the first weekend in July. Olive has made a special request for a repeat of our performance at the Brisbane Eisteddfod.

Panic stations as some of us have realised they have not registered for the 2007 ACA National Clogging Convention in Canberra. Still time- that's if you do it in the next week or so. Details on www.cloggingaustralia.com.au

Who's off across the Tasman Sea for the 11th NZCA Convention at the end of September? To those who may not have heard, Jean Watford's new email address is jwatford@xtra.co.nz

One of the best laughs we've had recently was Donna Farry's poem in the ACA Newsletter. Gosh we're going to miss her and Philip when they move off shore- Tasmania won't know what's hit them.

Anyway, off to see Marty, our friendly Boot maker, to get a set of taps put on.

It's Clogging time- join in!

Cheers,

Frances

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CANE COUNTRY SQUARES – BUNDABERG

We all appreciated the calling of Jason Dean on the Labour Day weekend. Visitors from Hervey Bay and Rockhampton joined us for a feast of good fast dancing and plenty of exercise for the feet and the mind. Jason also tested us with left hand moves in the “A” dancing on Sunday morning, but that is what square dancing is all about – being able to complete moves from different positions.

At our Annual General Meeting all committee members offered their services to the club for another year.

Several members from our club are looking forward to attending the National Convention in Adelaide. Enjoy your dancing and renewing friendships with other square dancers. It will be a busy weekend.

Pam Garson

Publicity Officer/Cane Country Squares

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

Like most clubs, we have quite a few of our members on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery. We still manage to scrape together 3 sets, and those that are able to make the day are having a lot of fun.

We were recently very honoured to have Jim and Betsy from Long Beach California join us on our club day. They are out here to promote their National Convention in 2009 which is to be held in Long Beach. We have now all signed their banner that they are taking everywhere with them and Margaret ended up with a beach ball. We had numerous group photographs taken and enjoyed their company.

Unfortunately, Jim was unable to dance as he had hurt his leg earlier in the day. They will be attending our convention in Adelaide next month.

Our members have been travelling around, with 3 of them attending the dance in Rocky with Barry Wonson and 4 are to attend the convention in Adelaide.

We hope to see lots of dancers at our June dance.

ABOUT THE BUGLE.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a service to clubs so they can inform others of their activities, their successes and their news.

You may think what happens in one part of the State is of no of interest to someone in another part of the State, but that is not so. We all learn from one another. What your club does interests us all.

This being the case, I would like to float the idea of having strategically placed people gathering news from their ‘area’ and forwarding it to the Bugle for inclusion in the newsletter. We do not hear much from the North. Mackay has been quiet, and we never hear from some clubs in the South.

There is no obligation to be involved, but it would be good to hear from some of these quiet areas every now and then.

If any of you are inclined to be involved in sourcing and recording info for the Bugle from a group of nearby clubs, please let me know. It would be appreciated.

The beauty of this electronically distributed newsletter is that the ‘Editor’ could be situated ‘beyond the black stump’ and still be an effective operator. Sure The Bugle is not ‘pretty’ and according to the ‘good book’ on publishing there should be more ‘open space,’ and that may happen in time but it is news, views and information that are the lifeblood of this newsletter.

If you are interested in helping out on the above suggestion, please contact me. The email address is on the front page, bottom RH side.

Faith is a bird that feels
dawn breaking and
sings while it is still dark.

An old Scandinavian saying

Dance as though no one is watching, love as
though you never have been hurt,
Sing as though no one is listening and live as
though heaven is on earth.

Nothing great is ever achieved
without enthusiasm.

Ralph W Emmerson

Moreton Bay Squares

Hello Everyone. Very happy to report most of members are over the dreaded bugs and various ailments which plagued our little club this month. Great to see everyone back onboard. Makes our Saturday morning dancing much better with one and half to two squares. Keep up the good work.

Most of our members have had no hesitation in joining the new insurance cover and I strongly advise the few remaining to follow suit and take up this wonderful opportunity to be covered at all times while at home or away. It gives peace of mind while enjoying this great pastime.

This month, a couple of our new members went visiting with the group who went to Alan's Allemanders' party night held at Crestmead.

A wonderful happy atmosphere made for a very enjoyable evening. Christine's ego and confidence was boosted immensely when Alan Evans asked her to be his partner at one stage. At the end of the evening she told us all she had such a good time and had laughed so much she almost did herself an injury. Now is that not what it is all about? Good company, good friends and happy times.

We also visited Buderim for their 37th birthday. It is always a pleasure to visit this club, with Nev McLachlan's clever choreography set to the strains of Chopin and Mozart.

Many thanks to both Clubs for their hospitality.

Alec and myself are off to Adelaide on 1st June representing the "Bay" at the 48th National Convention. Hope to have some good stories to tell on our return. In the meantime **Happy dancing to you all.** Nellie (President)

GUMDALE CELEBRATED

Gumdale celebrated its twentieth anniversary in fine style. The LET'S CELEBRATE theme was extended to include some significant birthdays, all ending on "0" and the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Marjie and Noel Miller.

Life Member and one of the original 'indomitables', Beryl Bortnowsky did the honors and cut the Club Birthday Cake. A team effort of the birthday persons attended to a second cake. The Millers had a cake all to themselves.

In excess of fifty persons enjoyed the calling of Alan Evans who was in top form and was supported by Graham Brandon, Peter Storey, Carole MacKinney and Dougal Findlay.

Annette Adams and her social committee presented the hall in a very appropriate fashion and set the mood for the evening. The night was an unqualified success.

The club members are now looking forward to a night of renewing acquaintances of dancers who are not seen too often at their forthcoming Reunion Ball / Square Dance. See the add Page 2

Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

Our Saturday dances are still running with numbers picking up.

Saturday 28th July; a "Personal and Homewares Products Expo" will be held at Logan City Square Dance Centre from 10am-3pm. Admission is free. Come along and see the terrific array of products on display and for sale. A sausage sizzle will be going all day and there'll be a raffle too.

With the way this year is flying by, it'll be Christmas before we know it. Plans are already under way for our New Years Eve dance. The theme this year is "Dancing With the Stars" and instead of square dance attire, dress will be "After 5" (being semi-formal to formal as desired). Watch for further details later in the year.

Yours in square dancing
Jane Rayner

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THE NEW CONSTITUTION

This article is a little about the new constitution for the Queensland Square Dancing Society inc. (Society) and reasons for some of the changes that have been made.

The overwhelming thought in the design of this new constitution was to include as many dancers as possible in the administrative area of square dancing. This 'inclusion' means offering suggestions and or being actively being involved. The existing constitution has only two delegates per club and a large majority of delegates are never seen at Society meetings.

As much as possible was learned from as many sources as possible. These areas included other Australian states and a few overseas countries. One glaring fact hit us in the face. We Were paying many times more than some other square dancing organisations for our insurance and our policy was a club liability policy and had no Personal Accident component. This eventually was the origin of investigating insurance for dancers. The result of this investigation is in letters being distributed to clubs at this time.

A primary requirement of the new constitution is to keep all dancers up to date on what was going on in the administrative area of our activity. This means the establishment of a newsletter from the Society. Whether the Bugle ends up being this newsletter or some other publication is established is of no importance. The important thing is to keep dancers informed. At present the existing delegates are this conduit of information but there has not been too much traffic in the recent past. The aim is have an open, informative, active administration and to keep all members informed about what that administration is doing or attempting to do for square dancing in Queensland.

No, I am not throwing bricks at the existing active members of the Society. It is these very people who put the effort in to come up with the new constitution and are working to instigate these changes. The Society does a good job under the existing constitution and with the limitations of a non-attending membership.

There are three levels in the new constitution. First there is the Executive consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer Assistant to Secretary or Treasurer. This group will have the responsibility to attend to the every day matters and will 'meet' as often as needed. The term 'meet' may not necessarily mean a physical encounter as we are accustomed to today. With the internet a large amount of work can be accomplished from a computer keyboard. The Executive are the legally responsible representatives of the Society.

The second level of responsibility is the Management committee which consists of the above mentioned Executive plus other dancers which would include dancers responsible for specific areas. These areas would include a membership Registrar, State Newsletter Editor for the Queensland newsletter, **Country News Coordinator**, Functions Officer and a S.P. Review State Editor / distributor. This body would meet a minimum of four times a year and would have the job of ratifying the Executive's actions and instigate other actions as it sees fit. .

Finally there are all square dancers who have joined the Society and consequently become insured through the Society's Personal Accident Policy. This body would meet a minimum of once a year or as often as the Management Committee or the remainder of the dancers decided was necessary.

Any Society Member would be entitled to attend any Management Committee Meeting and be heard. Yes, this new Constitution was deliberately made as open as possible to all members. Please take advantage of this 'open house' set up.

Next time I address this subject I will expand on the duties of the office bearers.

Noel Miller

AND A FEW LIGHTER THINGS

A middle aged man bought a brand new convertible Porsche. He took off down the road, pushed it up to 160 km/hr and was enjoying the wind blowing through his (thinning) hair.

"This is great," he thought and accelerated to an even higher speed. But when he eventually looked in his rear-view mirror there was a Police car behind him, blue lights flashing. "I can get away from him with no problem" thought the man and he floored it, and flew down the road at over 210 km/hr to escape being stopped.

Then he thought, "What the hell am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing". He pulled over to the side of the road, and waited for the Police car to catch up with him.

The Policeman pulled-in behind the Porsche and walked up on the driver's side. "Sir, my shift ends in five minutes and today is Friday the 13th. " If you can give me a good reason that I've never heard before as to why you were speeding, I'll let you go."

The man looked back at the Policeman and said, "Last week my wife ran-off with a Policeman, and I thought you were bringing her back." The Policeman said, "Have a nice day."

Diet notes

Here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know this after all those conflicting medical studies.

The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The Germans drink a lot of beer and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you

Most husbands know that there are days when all a man has to do is open his mouth and he takes his life in his own hands! This is a handy guide that should be as common as a driver's license in the wallet of every husband, boyfriend, or significant other!

DANGEROUS: What's for dinner?

SAFER: Can I help you with dinner?

SAFEST: Where would you like to go for dinner?

ULTRASAFE: Have some chocolate

DANGEROUS: Are you wearing that?

SAFER: Gee, you look good in brown.

SAFEST: WOW! Look at you!

ULTRASAFE: Have some chocolate

DANGEROUS: What are you so worked up about?

SAFER: Could we be overreacting?

SAFEST: Here's fifty dollars.

ULTRASAFE: Have some chocolate

DANGEROUS: Should you be eating that?

SAFER: You know, there are a lot of apples left.

SAFEST: Can I get you a glass of wine with that?

ULTRASAFE: Have some chocolate

DANGEROUS: What did you do all day?

SAFER: I hope you didn't overdo it today.

SAFEST: I've always loved you in that robe!

ULTRASAFE: Have some more chocolate.

And remember: Money talks .. but Chocolate sings.

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can do all these things,

Then you are probably the family dog.

ADVANCED BOOT CAMP
14TH/15 JULY 2007

Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre
260 Dixon Road, Buderim

During this week-end we will teach a lot of the A1 Programme. We hope to have one morning and two afternoon sessions each day, culminating in an "A" Dance from 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Sunday.

Depending on the availability of those wishing to attend, sessions times are still flexible and some sessions may be repeated.

Please address all enquiries to Nev McLachlan
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Phone (07) 5445 1238 Fax (07) 5445 6742
Email: NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

Minimum requirement is Plus Level and participants should be regularly attending a Plus Club.

The facilities of the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre will be available for camping and self catering. Beds can be brought to "camp" in the hall.

SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE

Our grounds and facilities are available for all square dancers, while attending dances, for overnight and short term stays in caravans and tents.

We no longer have any on-site caravans available.

22nd ANNIVERSARY DANCE

AUGUST 3rd, 4th, 5th 2007

FEATURING

Jerry Jestin

AT THE

**Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre,
Buderim, Queensland**

Week-end Dance Ticket Mainstream only \$ 20.00

Mainstream & Plus Dance Ticket \$ 35.00

Full Week-end Dance Ticket \$ 40.00

Session Ticket \$ 8.00 each session available at door

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY	7.30 p.m.		Welcome Dance (Mainstream)
SATURDAY	10.00 a.m. - Noon		Advanced Dance (A1)
	1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.		Plus with Rounds & Clogging Brackets
	7.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.		Rounds (first Hour) Mainstream
	10.30 p.m.		Bonfire & Entertainment
SUNDAY	10.00 a.m. - Noon		Plus Dance
	1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.		Mainstream with Rounds, Clogging Brackets
	7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.		Advanced Dance (A2)

SEPARATE MEAL TICKETS

For Catering purposes Please ORDER AND PREPAY BY 27th July 2007

SATURDAY DINNER	SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST	SUNDAY LUNCH
Served at 5.30 p.m. \$10.00	Served from 8.00 A.M. \$ 8.00	Served at 12 NOON. \$ 8.00

**BOOK EARLY = LIMITED POWERED SITES AVAILABLE
FOR YOUR CARAVAN, CAMPER OR TENT
Camping Costs are additional**

For Registration and Reservation for Meals and Sites
Contact the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre

Nev & Bev McLachlan

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