

The Banana Benders Bugle

JUNE 2008



David Pearce, Eunice Brown, Faith Pearce

Square Dancers Generosity Shows Again

Many dancers who dance at clubs and festivals in Qld. would know Eunice Brown. The chances are, that even if you don't know her by name, you would have seen her helping clubs with raffles of crocheting items for raffle prizes.

Unfortunately Eunice fell while at a Square Dance Camp weekend in March and broke her arm quite badly. Since then, Eunice has had visits to Doctors, Hospitals and orthopaedic specialists resulting in medical bills well beyond the scope of her health benefits.

At a recent Rambling Eights dance night, Elaine Cavanagh suggested that we could help Eunice out financially by holding a raffle. Elaine offered to donate a fruit basket as first prize. The club took the idea on board and decided to make a hamper as another prize.

We arranged to have tickets printed and distributed to our club members. It was suggested that other clubs where Eunice also

danced may like to join the enterprise. So tickets were sold at Carina Carousels, Gumdale Grandsliders and at the combined Logan dance on 10th May.

We were overwhelmed by the response we got from dancers who knew and loved Eunice. Many tickets were sold and a substantial donation was able to be made to Eunice.

At the Friday club dance 16th May we had the pleasure of surprising Eunice with the donation. Elaine was able to coax her into accepting an invitation to be picked up and brought to the dance where she drew out the "Raffle" winning tickets without knowing what the raffle was even for.

The expression on her face, when we let her into the secret that every body else knew was a combination of Surprise, Gratitude and a little embarrassment.

The ticket winners were: Mary Hutchen and John Van Zenten.

Congratulations to the winners and a huge THANK YOU to all who helped make the donation possible.

URGENTLY REQUIRED BUS DRIVERS

TO DRIVE THE MINI BUSES BETWEEN CHANDLER AND THE CLEVELAND HALLS FOR THE NATIONAL.

Pick a time and tell us when you are available. Do you have a non dancing friend who might like to help us? Please let us know. We require a copy of your driver's license to pass on to the Hire Company.

REQUIREMENTS:

Must be between the age of 25 and 75 years and must hold a full A class (car) license.

The buses will operate approximately from half an hour before the start of sessions until a half an hour after the completion of a session.

Thanks in anticipation of your assistance.

Ben McLachlan

Transport Officer

Phone (07) 5445 1238

Email: Nev BevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

Contact The Bugle:- burtrax@bigpond.net.au

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This excellent message ABSOLUTELY applies to ALL of us who send e-mails.

Do you really know how to forward e-mails safely? 50% do NOT. Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it? Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and their computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across that computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over five cents! How do you stop it? Well, there are two easy steps:

1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message. That's right, DELETE them. You accomplish this by 'clicking' "Forward" and you then have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message.

Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second but you MUST click the "Forward" button first. If you don't click on "Forward" first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: columns for adding e-mail address. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) column for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way that people you send to only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: in this manner, your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "TO:" field of the people who receive it. So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses!

NEWS FROM CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Once again our annual "Dance for Heart" was very successful. Thanks to members' contributions there wasn't much more space on the table that could have been used for donations. With a good attendance, everyone went home with something and \$300.00 was raised. This money will be given to Heart Support, Bundaberg. Their members help with rehabilitation of local people after heart problems and offer support. They have a walking track which is supervised by trained staff to encourage patients to become active again and help with their recovery.

Our learners' class has got off to a good start with Matthew using the shorter programme for teaching, and all new folk are doing very well.

Our new committee are all keen for another successful year.

President Shirley Kelly
Secretary Phyllis Shaw
Treasurer Nancy Skyring
Publicity & Promotions Pam Garson

Pam Garson

SALE OF SOUND EQUIPMENT"

Following the 49th National Convention in Brisbane, the following sound equipment will be offered for sale:

- 1 x Hilton MA500 Amplifier
- 2 x Hilton 205 Turntable Amplifiers
- 2 x YAK Stack Speaker Columns, in protective cases.
- 4 x extended (6metre) Hilton Microphone cords with remote volume controls.

All of the above equipment was purchased new and has only been used at the convention and testing prior to the event.

Offers may be made, in writing, for all or part of the inventory, to the 49th National Committee.

Offers should be mailed to the Secretary:
49th Australian National Square Dance Convention,
PO Box 264 Rochedale South Qld 4123
Enquiries may be made to The Sound Manager:
David Pearce, Ph: 07 3263 1408

SQUARE DANCE SHOES FOR SALE

The following sizes and colours of square dance shoes are for sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of these shoes, please contact Elaine on 3349 5339 or 0413 510 691.

Size 5 – 2 pairs, 1 pewter, 1 black; Size 5½ - 1 pair, silver; Size 6½ - 1 pair, pewter; Size 7½ - 2 pairs, 1 pewter, 1 black;
Size 8 – 2 pairs, 1 pewter, 1 black; Size 8½ - 2 pairs, 1 silver, 1 black.

The cost is \$110.00 per pair and payment must be made by either cash or cheque

30th NQ Square Dance Convention

We had a fantastic time up here in Malanda with 80 dancers attending on the main night. Visiting our neck of the woods were dancers from Caboolture, SE Qld, New Zealand and Japan as well as from Townsville through to Cairns and the Tablelands.

Nev and Bev McLachlan provided a fantastic range of dancing and workshops with everyone having a ton of fun. Nev and Bev also got to experience a comprehensive bus tour of the Tablelands.

Pat Morrish, Manager of ABC Radio in North Queensland, was there to open the weekend and Nev got her and the local council member into a bit of dancing as well.

As host and convenor of the Convention I thank all your readers who attended this great weekend and hope to see you again.

David Smith, Malanda.

Logan City Square Dancers Inc

Our May Saturday dance was very well attended with 8 squares of dancers enjoying the calling of Glenn Wilson. Being the night before Mothers Day, a special treat was given to all the Mums. A collection of preloved square dance wear was displayed for sale and quite a few items were snapped up. All in all, a terrific night.

There will not be a Saturday dance in June owing to the National Convention. Our next Saturday dance will be 5th July featuring the calling talents of Alan Evans.

With the year flying by so quickly, planning is under way for our New Years Eve dance and 5th anniversary dance in February 2009. Keep watch for details a little later in the year.

Jane Rayner
Secretary

MORETON BAY SQUARES

Sincere apologies for being unable to contribute last month ...my Server had a massive breakdown so I was 'off the air' for several weeks before it was fixed.

A million thanks to all who attended our very successful 17th Birthday Dance. In spite of uncertain weather we were delighted to see 60 dancers on our floor, all having a good time whether dancing or catching-up with mates.

All levels of dance were enjoyed, from the newest recruits to the well experienced, thanks to the excellent programme presented by Noel and his co-Callers.

The greatest delight was having Bill & Mary McCoy presented with Life Membership in recognition of the outstanding work they have put into the Club over those 17 years. It is fair to say we would have no MBSDC today if they had not been the backbone of the Club. Congratulations!!

The members need to be congratulated too; on the time and effort taken in organising and preparing, cooking

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Compliments all round following a successful day of Clogging at CHUG-A-LUGS' 21st Anniversary Day at Greenslopes. A talented team of Leader and Quers provided the dancers with fun, challenges and entertainment - great day, great dancing, all made possible by the enthusiastic crowd of dancers who made the day - THANK YOU!

Practice sessions continue for the Get Rhythm Dance Team's involvement in the Senior Superstars contest. Good Luck in your Heat.

Redland Bay beckons as Olive B. and her helpers gear up for the popular AUSSIE CLOG weekend in late July. Let Olive know on 07 3345 3066 if you would like to be part of one of Australia's longest running Clogging Camps. Camps such as Aussie Clog are a great opportunity to meet up with long-time Clogging friends and make new ones from both Queensland and interstate.

Only three-and-a-bit months until the National Clogging Convention in Sydney.

Have You Registered?

TAP into CLOGGING, you won't miss a BEAT.

Best Wishes,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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ACA WEBSITE: www.cloggingaustralia.com

This explains why Saskatchewan has no Daylight Saving Time.....

A Wise Indian Elder.

When told the reason for daylight saving time the Indian Elder said, "Only a white man would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket and sew it to the bottom of a blanket and have a longer blanket

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and providing a magnificent feast.....it really was MORE than a lunch!! I don't think I've seen so much food or variety since I last went to Sizzlers!! A great time was had by all.

New faces turned up on our Open Day, May 10th so we are happy to say it looks as though MBSDC will continue to 'increase and multiply' well into the future. Have a joyous National experience, especially those attending for the first time. Hopefully we shall bring a group to the Convention on Saturday evening to experience the spectacle of mass dancing.

Happy dancing!! Patsy-May

Round Dance Corner- June.

Do you remember Elva Hoppe ?

ELVA HOPPE was one of the Founders of Round Dancing in Queensland.

Elva Hoppe Memorial Dance

This Special dance, 20 years after her death, is to remember her contribution to Dancing

Warwick is looking for cuers who are interested in cueing some of the early dances and has both cue sheets and music available.

Please let him know what you might like to cue and what you need

- cue sheet and/or music. Dancers from Elva's club will be invited to see how dancing has changed

The dance will be held at St Agnes School hall (Tudor St, Mt. Gravatt) on Sat. 28th June, commencing 7.30 pm and will feature dances both from days past and current times.

Any dancer who has any memorabilia they would like to display – photos or other items – please contact either the secretary or Aaron Hoppe on (07) 3378 0825 or email at

aaron@achoppe.com

For more on Elva – visit www.rounddanceqld.com



BEGINNERS CLASSES

Beginners classes are likely to follow after the National Convention and its “Introduction to Dance” session that Warwick and Paula are hosting on Monday afternoon at Cleveland - 2.30-4pm. It's a public holiday so make sure your friends are aware of this opportunity to see how much fun we have whilst dancing

SQUARE DANCE CENTRE BUDERIM



SUNCOASTERS - BUDERIM

What a lovely month for birthdays. First we helped Cane Country celebrate their 25th in fine style with sessions all weekend from Friday night to Sunday morning. I managed to clock up 22 km and I don't even dance A1. It was a fantastic weekend and so good to see Nev and Steve back together again and up to their usual tricks as well as a fine line up of Queensland callers and Bev to cue the rounds and conduct the round dance workshop session.

Then it was our turn and our 38th Birthday Cabaret was a real blast. With square dances, country dances, singles dances and old time dances there was something for everyone and everyone had a great time. It was great to see so many of this year's beginners come along to join us.

Although only 8 weeks into the programme, Nev was able to call some brackets for them that kept the rest of the dancers happy as well. One venerable square of plus dancers even managed to break down on a grand right and left!! With about 14 squares in total it was a packed hall and high excitement for all. The theme was cowboys and cowgirls and the variety of costumes was incredible. As usual the decorations were marvellous, thanks to the Ball family.

Another great highlight of the evening was the presentation to Sam and Barb Astle of Life Membership. Sam & Barb have done an incredible amount for the Centre over many years and the award was richly deserved. Next up is our Red Hot night on May 31st with non-stop dancing all evening. Will we have enough strength left for the Convention -you'd better believe it!! Just can't wait!!

Don't aspire to become irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

Never forget that you are unique, like everyone else..

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

If you think nobody cares whether you're dead or alive, try missing a couple of mortgage payments

If at first you don't succeed, avoid skydiving.

**ARMIDALE SPRING FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 17, 18, 19 2008**

SQUARES **MIKE DAVEY & STEVE TURNER**

ROUNDS **MARILYN LAMBDEN**

CLOGGING **SUELLEN GUEST**

The Armidale Eights invite you to their 32nd Spring Festival for another exciting experience of dancing, fun and friendship.

There will be Squares, Rounds and Clogging. Friday night and Saturday afternoon and evening dancing is at the University. First class facilities ensure a great atmosphere for dancing. Sound is excellent and the floor is beaut. And, of course, we have outstanding Leaders. Supper is provided on both nights.

On Sunday morning we move to a local woolshed for more dancing and a BBQ lunch. This will be followed, at the woolshed, by a time for socializing and where we discover the musical talents of Dancers, Callers and Cuers. Afternoon tea is provided.

We have made two changes to our weekend. Because of the increasing cost of the marquee we will not be having the Sunday wind down in the evening but will have it at the woolshed following the BBQ lunch. Following problems at the University Bistro there will not be a Saturday evening meal there.

Armidale has a wide variety of accommodation, including motels in the usual price range, two quality van parks, B & Bs, and farm stays. There are also at least 44 eating places catering for a wide range of tastes.

A registration form will appear in the June Review, but in the meantime make sure you have the dates in your diary and accommodation booked.

Forms may be obtained from David Williams (02) 6775 1707 dwilliam@northnet.com.au or downloaded from our website at www.armidaleeights.net

**The Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance
25/26/27th July 2008**

**Two of the top and most sought after Callers
Jerry Story & Tony Oxendine
are returning to call exclusively for this event in Mackay.**

**Tickets purchased before the closing date are \$120.00.
This includes all sessions and Dance Off Registration for Saturday evening.
Registrations close June 30th.**

In the event of a vacancy the tickets may be available at the door at a surcharge.

**If you plan attending please advise Alana 0438113447, Anita 49425141 or Dawn 49597350
as anticipated attendance would facilitate arrangements.**

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Wavell Whirlaways.

After a few busy months of dancing and some sewing we have finally been able to put our dressed set uniforms together for the Parade of Sets at the National Convention. We are sure there are ladies and maybe even some men out there who are still busily sewing getting ready for the Convention as well.

Dancers from the club are looking forward to the Convention and for those who have never experienced such a big event they are in for a real treat. Margaret and I attended our first in 1972 at the City Hall.

We will have forms to fill out at the Convention. They are asking dancers who have danced with Wavell over the years to put their names down so we can contact them for our big event next year. Wavell will be having its 40th Birthday next year.

Margaret and June

What Makes a Good Dancer by Bill van Melle

Reprinted from 'Stanford Quads Newsletter'

There is more to square dancing than just knowing the calls. Yes, many of you recent graduates still have your hands full remembering how to execute some of the calls, and that is certainly important. In fact, at an APD/DBD club like Quads, it is important that you know the calls more than just vaguely.

Nonetheless, there are other considerations that are important for a successful dance - the way you move in a square, interact with its members, and how you think about what you're doing. The following notes have been culled over the years from discussions with various dancers. While these points are helpful for Plus (and Mainstream) dancers, they're absolutely essential for anyone considering dancing any higher level.

Touch hands.

Dancers should touch hands every chance they get, especially between calls. Touching hands helps set your formation, and keeps people oriented and working as a team. It's vital if you're to complete the next call and one person in your square is lost. If at the end of a call, you are next to another dancer in your square, take his/her hand. Failure to take hands is a common source of dancer disorientation and hence error

Give the other dancers some hand pressure so they really know you're there. You should provide structure to the square rather than just going along for the ride. On the other hand (as it were), too firm a handhold is at least as bad as too little; the dancer holding on with a death grip is not in a position to be flexible about where he moves on the next call, and may impede those he grips. Changing your handhold to reflect the current call can also be helpful. For example, suppose you are in facing lines, and the caller says "Centers..." Even before you hear what the centers are supposed to do, if you drop the hand between the center and adjacent end, you'll focus your attention on the center four and won't try to do the call in the outside four.

PIONEER VALLEY SQUARE DANCERS INVITE YOU TO OUR 3RD BIRTHDAY PARTY 20TH 21ST JUNE 2008

Friday 20th 7pm rounds 7.30 squares
Saturday 21st 10am – 12 noon Callers get together Squares 1.30pm - 3.30
AT 35 VICTORIA PLAINS ROAD, ETON. PH 49541595

Saturday 21st 7pm rounds 7.30 squares
AT SCOTS PRESBYTERAL CHURCH HALL
CNR EVANS AVENUE AND HARVEY STREET, NORTH MACKAY.

Callers & Cues Please register by contacting Margaret Harvey before 12th June,
35 Victoria Plains Road Eton 4741 or Ph 4954 1595

ADMISSION: - A DONATION TO COVER COSTS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.
An indication of attendance (for supper catering purposes) would be appreciated.

For further information, Charlie & Carol Barnes Ph. 4953 2266 or 4953 2234

49th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

5-9 JUNE 2008

Special Notice

Calling All Square Dancers

Channel Nine "Brisbane Extra" show will come to Sleeman Sports Complex, Tilley Road, Chandler on Thursday 5th June at 1.00pm to do an article on the convention which will appear on the show on Friday 6th June.

We would like as many square dancers as possible to attend in square dance dress. So if you don't mind being filmed and maybe interviewed for TV, please come along and join the fun. For those who have been dancing for a long time, the journalist has requested that you bring along photos both past and present so a history can be compiled. The filming will take place in the Pavillion which will be set up outside the stage entrance to the Auditorium.

This is the perfect opportunity to promote square dancing in general, not just the convention itself.

CAPRICORN WAVES SQUARE DANCE CLUB PARKHURST HALL ROCKHAMPTON QLD PROUDLY PRESENTS

A RIGHT PAIR OF OLD B'S

BRIAN HOTCHKIES & BARRY WONSON

COME AND LET THESE TWO B'S MAKE YOU DANCE

LIKE NEVER BEFORE AND LET YOU HAVE A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

DATES 29th, 30^{te} & 31st AUGUST 2008

PROGRAMME

Friday night	Mainstream & Plus	7.30pm to 10.30pm
Saturday Morning	Fun Mainstream	10.00am to 12.00pm
Saturday PM	Basic workshop	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Saturday Night	Mainstream & Plus	7.30pm to 11.00pm
Sunday AM	Anything goes	10.00am to 12.00pm

Weekend Tickets \$30.00 Session Ticket \$8.00
CONTACT Bevan Titmarsh 0749227482 Mobile 0428870338
Betty 0749342669

He who begins to be your friend because it pays will cease because it pays.

The first and great commandment in business is: Don't let them scare you.

Elmer Davis

Conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up.

Ruskin.

Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect.

Samuel Johnston.

Advice is seldom welcome and those who need it the most always like it the least.

Lord Chesterfield.

BURLEIGH SQUARE DANCE CLUB

invites you to their

Birthday Party

Saturday, 12 July 2008

commencing at 7pm

At 42 Matilda Street, Burleigh Heads



Cost \$6.00 per person plus a plate to share for supper.

Come and help us celebrate!

For further information please phone Joy on (07) 55 233 047

or Karen on 0415 832 137

DID YOU EVER WONDER...

Why it is that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

Why we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough funds there in the first place?

Why someone believes you when you say there are four billion stars, but checks when you say the paint is wet?

Why they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why Superman stops bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window into the breeze?

I was having trouble with my computer. so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door. His bedroom looks like Mission Control. Eric came over clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?'

He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

'I didn't want to appear stupid, but I inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that, in case I need to fix it?'

Eric grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?'

'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T

I used to like Eric.....

Calendar of Events

Check with nominated club for accuracy.

JUNE

- 5-9 National Convention
- 10-12 Caller lab Mini-Lab – Gold Coast
- 13 – 15 QRDA round dance weekend/
T.A.W.S. weekend – Buderim
- 21—22 Pioneer Valley Birthday W/e.
- 21 Hervey Bay - Jason Dean calling
- 27 Saladbowl's Soup Night

JULY

- 5 Logan City Square Dancers Inc
Saturday dance.
Wide Bay Caller School, dance
- 12 QRDA general meeting and K Dee Round
dance evening.
Burleigh Square Dance Club Inc Birthday
Dance
- 23 Hervey Bay - David Pearce calling
- 25 – 27 Martin Klibbe Memorial dance – Mackay
- 25 Saladbowl's Christmas in July
- 25- 27 Aussie Clog, Redland Bay

AUGUST

- 1-3 Caravan & Camping weekend –Buderim
- 2 Cardwell Dance
- 9 Logan City Square Dancers Inc Saturday
dance
QCA general meeting & dance -

A Thought For Tomorrow:

**Make new friends
But keep the old.
The new are silver
The old are gold.**