

The Banana Benders Bugle

March '06

My Scribble

Calendar of Events

Do you know that there is an official web site for square dancing in Australia, it is squaredance.org.au. There is a lot of information on this site and this information which is increasing all the time.

The European Association of American Square Dance Clubs e. V. have a web site, "eaasdc.de", which when I last looked could proudly say "A glance at the club data bank today we have about 500 EAASDC member clubs, and of these 370 have a home page, and 470 are at least reachable via e-mail." The Round Dancers in Europe have a similar web site. If you want to find out about a caller anywhere in the world www.ceder.net/caller/view will do the job for you on any caller who has provided their details and of course there is www.callerlab.org. Go to yahoo and type 'square dance' and you will get a choice of thousands of entries.

The Queensland Round Dance Association inc. have just sent their first minutes and reports out by email. The Australian Clogging Association Inc. has a website www.cloggingaustralia.com

Without the email this Bugle would not go out at all. No matter which way you look at it organisations are going more to the electronic transmission of information every day. This reduces the workload on unpaid officials; it is fast and economical.

The Society has details about the club delegates and callers but it would be a great help if we could be in electronic contact with the delegates and club Secretary / controller of each club or a person who is prepared to receive and send electronic information on behalf of such people.

Some have supplied such information but the majority have not done a thing regardless of many requests. I doubt if it would take anyone more than two minutes at your computer to supply the requested information.

If anyone is feeling in a generous or helpful mood and you would like to supply the required information it would be greatly appreciated. The email address is burtrax@bigpond.net.au.

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APRIL

- 28 Salad Bowl Squares Anzac
Australian and Kiwi theme night
- 29 Pine Rivers April Showers Dance.

MAY

- 11 S-Bar-B Mothers Day Dance
- 13 May Day Round dance, St Agnes
- 19 QCA - Gala Dance
- 20 Sunshine State Round-Up
- 26 Salad Bowl Squares Pancake night

JUNE

- 9 - 12 The 28th North Queensland Square
and Round Dance Convention.
- 30 Salad Bowl Squares International
Food and Dress Night.

JULY

- 15 River City Rounds K-Dee Round
Dance Evening
- 24 Combined Beginners Round Dance.

JULY

- 15 KD Round Dance Evening. St. Agnes Hall
- 21-23 Townsville Round Dance Weekend.
- 26 Rambling 8s Christmas in July.

SEPTEMBER

- 14 S-Bar- B 53rd. Birthday Dance

OCTOBER

- 26 S-Bar-B 54th. Halloween Dance

If you wish to get a date / event included in *Calendar of Events* send it as a separate email. If such information comes within or with an article it often gets mislaid in the editing. NM.

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The Clogging Experience

Another right rollicking Clogging success was this year's Storm King Weekend held at the Y.M.C.A. Camp Warrawee at Joyner with about 130 dancers attended, with participants from near and afar, including the President of the ACA Julie Anne Clark from Western Australia, and all of the ACA Executive Committee, spending a fun weekend with like-minded Clogging addicts.

Once again Edith, Jenny and Dennis with the help of Moonshine Cloggers and Rise 'n' Shine Cloggers did a great job.

On the following Saturday, Double Jingle Clogger Bev O'Neill, organised a Variety Concert at the Retirement Village where she and husband Pat reside. The age scale was sure in force with performers from 8 to 80 up on stage strutting their stuff. For their segments in the show, The Double Jingle team performed four dances which were received very enthusiastically by the audience made up of residents, and visitors. A few of the younger visitors asked for one of our excellent CLOGGING EXPERIENCE brochures. Thanks Bev for a great afternoon of entertainment.

Next day a well attended afternoon of Clogging lead by Stephen Hope was part of the wonderful "Snakes Alive Weekend" at Ca-boolture.

Invitations to appear at functions and events keep coming in. The next biggy is the Urban Country Music Festival at the end of April.

Registrations are still open for the National Clogging Convention in Hobart this August. Queensland has a strong contingent heading south. Why not join us? www.cloggingaustralia.com.au has all the info.

Any happenings at your Club? Let me know so we can spread the word!

Keep Clogging, Keep Happy

Frances
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VALE PRYCE RUSSELL

Cairns City Squares Members gathered sadly on January 2nd to farewell an esteemed and long-standing member of our Club.

Pryce Russell was a kind and courteous gentleman, always prepared and willing with his wife Hilda to lend a hand where needed. Club function, social outing, working bee, you could count on Pryce to be ready, willing and able. Pryce enjoyed his dancing and was a popular partner on the dance floor.

We are all missing his presence this year and offer this tribute to dear Hilda and family in loving memory of a square dancer who will not be forgotten—

Pryce Russell.

Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

On 11th & 12th February we celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the Logan City Square Dance Centre featuring Barry Wonson calling for the weekend.

Saturday afternoon was a Plus session with 4 squares and six squares attended the main dance on Saturday night. Despite the heat it was a great evening and Barry kept us entertained with interesting choreography and a great voice to boot. Sunday morning was a casual dance with a sausage sizzle and those who attended discovered some "Barry Wonson special" moves such as "flip the chicken" & "flip the rooster". Supported by LCSD Inc member Callers & Cuers, all in all a terrific weekend.

Logan City Square Dancers Inc. also runs regular Saturday dances during the year. Normally on the 2nd Saturday of the month, this year some will be held on the third Saturday because of other functions already in place.

Saturday dance dates are as follows;

May 13,	June 10	July 15,
August 19,	September 16,	October 21,
November 11.		

As well as this, we have Beginners' session on Monday nights and Mainstream on Thursday mornings.

Round Dance Corner.

Q.R.D.A. held its Annual General Meeting on the 11th. March at Beerwah. The committee elected for 2006 is:

President : Warwick Armstrong.
Vice President : Ken Bolton.
Treasurer : Barbara Legge .
Secretary : David Pitt.

A life membership was presented at the meeting to Kevin and Phyllis Stewart for their contribution to Round Dancing in Queensland. One of their many achievements was to start bringing out to Queensland American Round dance Teachers so that the understanding of Round dancing and the standard of teaching and dancing of Rounds would improve. This has been very successful and is currently being organised by Q.R.D.A. When Kev and Phyl. started these visits, the full cost of the weekends for many years was met by them and their club members a wonderful achievement.

David Pitt
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Life Membership for Eric and Marj Bradshaw.

Eric Bradshaw's commitment to the Round Dance activity are varied and spread over many years. He is respected as having some authority regarding the definitions of movements, teaching and dancing higher levels, administration of the Round Dance association has also benefited from his assistance.

Eric and Kev Collins were instrumental in setting up the QRDA prior to 1989 and ran the first Seminar for the organisation about 1995 where Eric and Marj taught the Rumba. Eric was Treasurer of the Association from 1989 - 94. He wrote the original QRDA Constitution and provided documentation that has enabled many more dance clubs and non-dance clubs to exist and operate in a full legal function.

This couples contribution to running a number of clubs, teaching sessions and giving assistance are to numerous to mention. Eric has also been part of the international Round Dance Association, Roundlab. He was a member of the Standardisation around 1993 - 94 and was commended for his work in the standardisation of cue sheets for Roundlab.

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club inc.

After a two month break we are back into the swing of dancing again and looking forward to a happy year ahead. We started off very well with Matthew Mills calling on the 18th February 2006 followed by Gary Petersen on 11th March 2006. Both nights were very enjoyable and we look forward to having "live" callers as often as possible as our usual nights are from tapes or CD's.

Our next big event is our 17th Birthday was on 1st. April with David Smythe as our Caller. We had a great evening as usual.

In the meantime many of our ladies are busy on their sewing machines getting their outfits ready for the exodus South to the N.S.W. Central Coast for East meets West, the National Convention and then up to Port Macquarie for more dancing on their way home.

Hervey Bay is a lovely area beside the sea and a great place to stop over while travelling north or south. We dance at "Dan Dinna" House each Wednesday night with Beginners dancing 6pm to 7.30 pm then Mainstream/ Plus till 10pm, supper provided. We love having visitors so do call in! Contact Chris on 4125 0833 or Neville on 4125 5500.

The following are the Club Office Holders for 2006.

President Alf Wassmer
Vice President Joan Miller
Secretary: Neville Went
Assistant Secretary Sandra Banks
Treasurer: Samantha van Zonneveld
Assistant Treasurer Doreen Wright
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Little Boys are Honest

Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell his Dad "I dropped my toothbrush in the toilet." Dad fished it out and threw it in the garbage.

Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to his Dad's bathroom and came back with that toothbrush.

Zachary held it up and said to his Dad with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

Rocky Twirlers

EXCITING NEWS FOR ROCKHAMPTON

And especially Rocky Twirlers

Michael Mills and Rachelle Kelly have relocated to Rockhampton, both with new jobs.

We are privileged that Rocky Twirlers is to be their home club so I now have a co-caller with whom to work. It is Michael's intention to call at all three clubs in Rocky and we all look forward to those occasions.

The weekend 25th. March saw Michael do a guest Caller weekend for Twirlers and Rocky square 8's and that was a great weekend. He commenced work in Rocky early the next week. The phones run hot between him and Shelly each night, *ain't love grand*.

Kathy now has two males to put up with in the house for a while ,lucky girl.

Other than that all is well in the city of Reef and Beef including the preparations for The 27th QLD State Convention.

We are still seeing two or more squares in the Rocky Square Dance Centre Monday nights with Rocky Square 8's, Tuesday and Wednesday nights Rocky Twirlers.

We are hoping those going to Gosford will have a great Convention. Unfortunately we cannot make it so have an extra dance for us.

Best wishes for a quick recovery for a lady that we all refer to as Nan. Nan is June Dalliston's Mum and she is in hospital at the moment. Come home soon Nan, we miss you.

Have a safe and happy Easter, and please be careful on the roads.

Keep dancing and keep smiling
Rob Fry and the Rocky Twirlers.

Make new friends

But keep the old.

The new are silver

The old are gold.

Rambling Eights "Movie World " Camp was held at Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge from the 24th to the 26th March. 57 attended the great facilities and were pleased to have a weekend of fine weather, fine dancing, good sports and a hilarious After Party.

The Dancers were entertained by David & Noel, Grahams' Rigby and Brandon, supported by some very nice calls from Jan Hay. Two amateurs also added their touch to the calling line-up on Sunday morning .

Tennis, Table Tennis and Bocce were the featured sports and these games brought out some surprising winners.

The themed After Party, was highlighted by costumes and outfits depicting Movies and their characters. It was amazing to see the ingenuity and enterprise that dancers had gone to bring the party to a "Hollywood" style event.

Our next camp is already being planned. As it is booked for the weekend including 17th March next year, what else could we do except use the St. Patrick's Theme. So keep the date in your next year calendar and think Green.

David Pearce

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Since the club recommenced in February 2006, Cane Country Squares have been dancing solidly with 2 to 2 1/2 squares each Friday night. Our learner evenings on Wednesdays continue and these dancers are coming along nicely.

The callers, Matthew & Shirley, are planning to start two new dance sessions this year, one being Monday afternoon for the high school students and the other Wednesday night for adults.

The club celebrated its 23rd birthday on Friday 17th March with a St. Patrick's theme; we had two squares join us for a sit down dinner, followed by dancing and a cutting of the cake. With Easter just around the corner the club is currently selling tickets for its annual Easter raffle, first prize being a \$25.00 MARY KAY gift voucher.

The next event at Cane Country Squares will be the AGM.

Michael Mills publicity officer and Cane Country Squares

"GET UP TO TRICKS IN 2006"

The 28th North Queensland Square & Round Dance Convention

Will be held in Cairns on the **Queen's Birthday Weekend this year – 9 – 12th June.**

Venue: Darts Hall, McNamara St., Manunda, Cairns

Caller **Barry Wonson**, Rounds Cuer **Julie Jensen**, Clogging with **Nina Annand**.

Weekend Ticket **\$32.00**.

Contact Ron Moon 07 4045 1737 or Jenny Behrendorff 07 4054 1965 for further details.

Heritage City Square Dance Club.

We celebrated our Seventeenth Birthday on 4th. March with David Smythe the Caller. It was held at the Woocoo Shire hall in a typical Australian setting. The BBQ tea was very successful. We danced from 3 to 11pm.

Helen Meyer was the recipient of the "Achiever's Award" for 2006. We are having a similar dance on 25th. March with Tony Hooper as Caller. (not another Birthday).

After 12 years at the St. Thomas' Church Hall, we have relocated to the Girl Guide Hall North Street (just off Ferry St.) Reason being that the Church and Hall were auctioned, and no longer belong to the Anglican Church.

We had many happy times with all the dancers and Callers there, and so on St. Patricks day we had a "Farewell to St.Thomas". Over three sets were dancing to our Caller David Habler, and the 'green supper ' and hot potatoes provided went down very well.

At the Guides' Hall we will have Plus on 1st., 3rd, and 5th. Monday nights--7pm.- 10pm. and Friday nights will be Mainstream

Hi Contributors,

If you had submitted an article or notice which you feel should have been in this Bugle please let me know. No omission was intended but it has been a very confusing and anxious couple of weeks for this household.

Noel M.

Mackay & District Square Dancing Club

Our Club resumed dancing on Black Friday and our Australia Day Dance followed. The Club celebrated its 32nd Birthday first weekend in February with Michael Mills as our featured Caller.

The Walkerston Valley Advertiser was on hand to record Chris and Ross Muller receiving their Graduation Certificates. Also appearing in the article were Alana Klibbe, David McKay, and Peter and Margaret Harvey. This night also saw Dawn Klibbe and Rachelle Kelly call a 'girls only' bracket. Congratulations go to all our dancers on a great night.

It is very disturbing to learn that Harry Wright has been told by his doctor, he is unable to dance again. Get well wishes also to Leonnie Billman who had surgery, but is recovering really well and hopes to be back dancing soon. Dawn didn't receive a clean bill of health injury wise, on her recent trip to Brisbane.

Unfortunately the Club won't be represented in Gosford, but hope to be in Cairns and Rockhampton for Conventions later in the year. The Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance with Barry Wonson Guest Caller is again a Mackay Festival of Arts events, with transport being offered to all those arriving that require it.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Club Health Check

This is loosely based on a pamphlet titled "Club Erosion" by Jim Segraves developed by the Education Committee of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA INC.

To quote from the article " *Club Erosion* ' is merely a 'laissez faire' attitude possessed by everyone in the club. " *loses its ability to achieve its intended purpose- fun & fellowship through square & round dancing* '."

Club	Attribute
1	Officers are trained for their positions
2	Officers are experienced dancers
3	Membership has increased over past year/s
4	Has some dedicated members, officers & callers
5	Has a bulletin board or display table
6	Has refreshments on dance nights
7	Has social activities
8	Visits other clubs, or conventions etc
9	Communicates or associates with members other than club nights
10	Club sessions are enjoyable
Facilities	
11	Hall is adequate
12	Banner displayed
13	Facilities are ready prior to start of dance [for members & guests]
Caller	
14	Is dynamic & enthusiastic & starts on time
15	Calls new material
16	Calls at a good pace
17	Motivate the dancers
18	Teaches at a pace to keep members
19	Teaches enough new calls
20	Calls at a level suitable for the dancers [without many breakdowns]
21	Calls are varied every week
22	Makes it exciting & fun
Club Officers	
23	Arrive early to ensure hall is set up
24	Greet members & visitors before the dance
25	Thanks dancers for coming & encourages them to attend the next dance
26	Appoint club sub-committees
27	Publishes a club newsletter
28	Checks on absentee members
29	Schedules visitations [to other clubs etc]
30	Clear & informative announcements
31	Apparently acts to minimize loss of members
32	Are present for the whole session
33	Dresses in Sq. Dance attire
34	Has a leadership training plans for members
35	New members given club governing documents
36	Rosters of duties are provided to members
Club Members	
37	Friendly to other members
38	Dance most tips rather than sit out
39	Arrive early & leave at conclusion of the dance [including supper etc]
40	Listen to club announcements
41	Wear appropriate attire
42	Volunteer to help
43	Accept office [exec. or c'tee]
44	Prompt to square up [without need for pleas from caller]
45	Dance with visitors etc
46	Dance in many rather than "set Squares"
47	Dance with enthusiasm
48	Attend workshops
49	Offer to help & overcome problems rather than complain
50	Help set up & clean up of hall etc
51	Dance with caller's law [wife or partner]

