

The Banana Benders Bugle

March 2007

My Scribble

Calendar of Events

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This is an unusual Bugle. It would appear that a number of clubs missed the article on page 7 Feb edition. There was not a great deal of time to make contributions by the 14th. Feb, as stated in the article so I will give a little reminder for April's BBB ;

If you want an article in the April edition of the BBB please submit it by the 17th. March.

There are a couple of articles about proposed insurance policy for square dancing in Queensland. (There are copies of each supplied in separate emails.)

I have no doubt that there will be some saying that the persons investigating insurance for the Society are 'off their collective trolleys' but before anyone gets too upset take the time to read all the information supplied and compare the existing policy with the proposed policy. These are not simple matters but they are important. If any club or member is involved in an accident while square dancing at least these proposed new arrangements have a much better chance of looking after those involved than the existing policy. And if you have questions PLEASE ask them of the Society. That is the whole point in publishing such information. Apart from all the above there is a large overall saving on premiums.

Rod Dinte is a bit hairy these days but it is in a very good cause. I'll bet most clubs have someone the members know suffering from cancer. Rod is a candidate in the 'World's Greatest Shave'. Here is your opportunity to do something about helping to find a cure for cancer.

There is a report on the Feb. meeting of the Society and some news about some of the existing office holders.

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MARCH

- 3 Heritage City Hoedowners 18th Birthday
- 9 S Bar B St. Patrick's Dance
- 9 – 11 Storm King Clogging Camp
- 10 Logan City Sq Dance Saturday Dance
General Meeting & AGM
- 11 GOLD Dance at Carindale PCYC
2.15 – 4.30
- 14 **Closing Date for April Bugle Contributions**
- 16 – 18 Rambling 8's Camp
- 17 Heritage City's St. Patrick's Dance
- 23 – 24 Rocky Twirlers Dance with Glenn Wilson
- 24 Lighthouse Sq, Special Dance.
- 24 Mothar Mountain Closing down Dance
- 30 S Bar B Easter Parade Dance
- 31 Pine Rivers Snr. Citz. Saturday dance

A LIVING WILL

A man and his wife were sitting together in the living room. He turned to her and said: "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, depending on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out all of his beer.

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ARE YOU PREPARED TO HELP?

CANCER

All of us have been, or know someone, who has been touched by CANCER. Being such an "Introvert", this year I have registered with the "Shave for a Cure" organisation (to shave my Head only) to help raise money for research. I am asking all Square Dance Clubs in Qld. to help. Are you prepared to raise money in your Club via donations, raffles etc. to donate to this worthy cause? All Donations will be receipted with official Leukaemia Foundation receipts and audited. To make the **SHAVE** as public as possible, I will be doing the deed, between brackets, on stage, on Saturday night, 28th. April. at this years Snakes Alive Dance. Also, to increase the impact (and laughter), I have not had a haircut for 3 months and will not have one before the date. Photos are free. But please don't show them to me. A thank you, with the total amount raised, will hopefully be published in the Bugle. It is not a competition to raise the most money, as Clubs vary in size, but we all know that every little helps. The Foundation has requested donations by the 31st, March, 2007 but I'm sure they will accept after this date.

Donation cheques to be made out the Leukaemia Foundation. Visit the web site. www.worldsgreatestshave.com click on Gallery on the bottom, Qld. Photos, type in Rod Dinte and click on the Photo to follow progress. The money raised will be donated as from "The Square Dancers of Queensland," not yours truly. Please get behind this cause. It is so important to everyone and none of us know when it might affect ourselves or one of our loved ones. Any questions, Phone me on (07) 5492 2112 or email at rdinte@bigpond.net.au Postal Address is PO BOX 124. Golden Beach, 4551.

Thank you all, Regards Rod Dinte

Society Meeting 17th. Feb.

Due to insufficient delegates attending this scheduled meeting worked as a committee. The President expressed his disappointment at the lack of delegate numbers considering the large number of dancers who attended the special meeting in Dec.

Under the new proposed constitution ALL who are financial members of the Society (all the dancers we hope) will be eligible to nominate for a position on the management committee, attend the AGM and vote and attend any management meeting and be heard. One can envisage new members stimulating square dancing. New committee people bring new ideas and this is always welcome.

Jane Rayner Secretary, Sandra Bloomfield S P State Review Editor and Librarian and Leighton Bloomfield, President, will be not be available for re-election at the next AGM of the Society. We are in changing times and change can be interesting.

These three people are heavily involved in a really big job, the 49th. Australian National Square Dance Convention to be held in Brisbane, 5 – 9th. June 2008.

In the April Bugle this Convention Committee will be looking for Volunteers to assist during the time of the event.. That should be worth considering. Give it some thought.

Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a new-born baby."

"Really!? Like a new-born baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet

A CARING CHILD.

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

RESUME OF THE SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLANDS Inc. POLICY ON CALLER,TEACHER,LEADERS LIABILITY INSURANCE.

By now most Callers are aware that the Society has been looking into an alternative Liability Policy and an Accident Policy for itself due to the rewriting of the constitution. Under the Incorporations Act we have to have this liability cover and as most venues require a \$20,000,000.00 cover. The cover the N.S.W. Society puts out is for \$10,000,000.00. Another factor of the existing policy is that there is a \$2500.00 excess for each and every claim.

The Society empowered three independent persons to look into this matter and they found a Company that is very much in tune with our activities. The Company concerned has been looking after dance bodies for over forty years. Once the three independent people had collated all the information, they handed their findings back to the Society and the Society empowered me as Treasurer to seek out all the nitty gritty bits from the Company concerned. This I have done and am now in a position to pass on this information to all Callers, Leaders and teachers of dancing.

Let me spell out that no person is under any obligation to take up our offer of liability coverage. All we offer is an alternative policy to the one N.S.W. Society offers. A copy of the policy will accompany this letter for you perusal. (Separate Email)

The difference between our policy and the N.S.W. policy is this:-

- There is no excess fee on claims.
- It is a \$20,000,000.00 cover.
- It will only cost you \$110.00 per year.
- Coverage is World Wide (excluding U.S.A. & Canada)

Along with anything that sounds too good to be true come a couple of “ah ha’s”.

- (a) Every Caller, Teacher or Leader wanting this policy has to sign a contract with the Society, stating he/she will call on behalf of the Society.
- (b) The Society will pay the contracted person \$10.00 per year.
- (c) Any profit the contracted person makes from dancing has to go to the Society.
- (d) If the Caller, Teacher or Leader earns more than \$10,000.00 from dancing in one year they are excluded from this policy.
- (e) Incorporated bodies are excluded from this policy.
- (f) Any Caller, Teacher or Leader who wish to call at a function that they do not wish to be deemed “Society,” will have to take out an independent liability policy.

Let me explain what “Profit” in heading “c” means.

At the end of each year, after you have added up all your petrol and car maintenance costs in attending dances, Conventions, meetings, socials, one nighters’ etc etc, the cost of your square dance attire- both yours and your partners, the cost of your records, your calling equipment and its depreciation, APRA fees, Association fees, insurance fees and any other cost you have associated with your calling, *do you make money out of calling??*

Ninety percent of the callers I know make a loss but we love doing what we are doing. **So this begs the question WHAT PROFIT goes to the Society?** Well I reckon maybe \$110.00 would be a good profit for the year.

Be honest with me when you tell me whether or not you earn **more than say \$200.00 a year “Profit.”**

I don’t want to know what you earn from calling’ just a **yes** or **no** to the \$200.00 p.a.

I look forward to hearing from you and any queries you may have with regards to the policy.

Alan Rayner

Treasurer, Square Dance Society of Q’ld Inc.

**RESUME 2 OF THE SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLANDS Inc.
ON DANCERS ACCIDENT POLICY**

For many years the dancers of Q'ld have considered that as their caller or club had a liability insurance cover, they as dancers were covered for accidents whilst dancing, NOT SO.

The Square Dancing Society of Q'ld set about looking into accident insurance coverage for dancers. I am pleased to say we can have an accident policy and all dancers can be covered. I shall enclose a copy of the policy with this letter.

This policy will cover a dancer from the time he/she leaves their home to attend a dance until they return to their home. Anywhere, any time in the world except the U.S.A. & Canada. I do not need to explain the policy as it is best for the dancer to read it and realise its benefits.

How does a dancer gain this benefit:?

1. First of all the dancer must become a financial independent member of the Society. This will cost \$10.00 p.a.
2. Secondly the dancer must register only their name with the Society.
3. Thirdly they must answer Yes or No to the question "Are you over Seventy years old?" (this is the insurance companies policy)

That is all there is to it.

Why pay membership?? The Society would like to see Square Dancing flourish in this State, but to do that it requires funds to advertise and promote. Under the old system of delegates from each club, only these people were "Members" of the Society, all others were not. Under the new constitution, the Society has provided for all dancers to become members. With about forty clubs in Q'ld and only 2 members of each club being delegates, that gave the Society \$1200.00 per annum to run the Society and advertise our activities. With 600 dancers in Q'ld at \$10.00 each, the Society will benefit by almost \$6000.00 per annum. Maybe then the Society will be in a position to help the activity grow again. It's up to you as a dancer to help your activity grow in strength.

\$10.00 per year, what is that really? Just over 2 cents a day for being part of a great organisation and have accident assurance for nothing.

I look forward to hearing from you and any queries you may have, I will gladly answer.

Yours in Square Dancing

Alan Rayner

Treasurer

The Square Dance Society Of Q'ld Inc.

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

This year is starting well. We already have 5 new dancers and are hoping to get more coming along shortly. We have endeavored to put fliers in as many shopping centres as possible, stating that there are numerous clubs on the northside, day and night.

On Saturday 24th March, two of our dancers and I are looking at a free 'come and try' day at Dayboro, a country town that could have good potential. Any and everything is worth a try.

It is also incredible how many people who are unable to dance, will sit for hours just watching and listening to the music. Bevan and Robert, who are in wheelchairs, have been regulars at our club for over 10 years and they have a ball. When they are unable to come, it feels like a part of our big happy family is missing.

Margaret Baines

GOLD REPORT

The Bugle has been making dancers aware of the Active and Healthy Parks Program. Some ask about results. Read on.

Glenn Wilson, the caller who conducts this part of the GOLD program sent this note after the Wavell Heights event.

We had another successful GOLD program dance on Sunday Afternoon. There were about 50 people in attendance (including existing dancers). The new dancers (about a dozen) who showed up had a great time and indicated a willingness to give square dancing a go in the coming weeks. Would it be appropriate to put a small thank you to all of those dancers who have attended and participated in the **GOLD** program and the **Active and Healthy Parks** programme.

Many of the dancers who have participated have been to most, if not all, of these gatherings and have shown a real enthusiasm for this great activity. If you haven't been to one of these dances yet, consider giving it a go. Many of the clubs whose members have attended, have gained new dancers for their clubs.

Best regards, Glenn

Mothar Mountain Closure.

It is my sad duty to announce to the Square Dancers of Queensland and beyond that we will be closing down on Friday 23rd. March.

For the past six months the Mothar Mountain Square Dance Club has had a big reduction in dancers turning up for our weekly club dance. For a period of five weeks straight we failed to get half a square.

At a special meeting of the Club it was decided to alter the format of the Friday night dance. This was only successful for a few nights getting a square but if any of the regulars were away there wasn't enough to form a square.

At our annual meeting, after much soul searching it was decided that on Friday 23rd. March the club would disband with the Management Committee to work out a programme leading up to the 23rd. March.

We will start dancing 2nd. Feb with free admission for all dancers, with the option to buy a raffle ticket.

David Smythe has agreed to call for us on the 23rd. March. Other callers will be asked to call on some of the dance nights in Feb and March. These are yet to be finalised.

It sure is a mixed bunch this time.

Kind regards

Growing Old & Living Dangerously (GOLD!).

Square dancing is now part of Brisbane City Council's GOLD program.

Sunday, 11th March 2007, Carindale PCYC,

27 Narracott St. Carina, 2.15pm - 4.30pm.

A prime time to promote YOUR CLUB. Bring your flyers and have your club members hand them out. (Others **will not** be available to do this). **There are no costs associated with the event.**

Dress everyday casual "street clothes" (not square dance attire).

Please participate in the "very easy" dance level on the day.

\$2.00 a head. "Bottomless" Tea, coffee and biscuits available on the day

Glenn Wilson. Ph. 3261 4177 Mob. 0413 017778

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PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

5th Saturday 'Magical March' Dance
31st March

Kallangur Community Centre,
Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

S Bar B Club Nights.

This club will now dance on the 2nd. 4th. and 5th.
Fridays

Special Dances

9th. March St. Patrick's Dance.

30th. March Easter Parade.

St. Barnabas Hall, Waterworks Rd.

Ashgrove. Bus Stop 12

Ph. Dorothy 3355 9016

Samantha Stratford and Scott McKenzie

Are inviting you to a 'Wishing Well' Pre Wedding
Jitters BBQ and Square Dance

BBQ 6pm – 7pm

Dance 7pm – 9.30pm

24 March 2007.

\$5 per head.

Geebung Uniting Church

Cnr Simla Ave and Mayflower Street. Geebung.

Gifts are not required but any monetary contributions in the
Wishing Well would be gratefully accepted.

Brought to you by B'N'M Squares.

Please feel free to contact Scott 0410573028, Sam
0410673027 or Marjorie 3265 6865

The wedding of this couple will take place in July.

The Bugle.

**The closing dates for contributions for
the April Bugle will be 17 March.**

***PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING, IF YOU
INTEND SENDING IN A CONTRIBUTION.***

Please supply :-

Name of the Club/Organisation

Club Contact

What is the Event ?

When is the event taking place ?

Where is it being held ?

Special features e.g. theme, callers, supper etc?

From the information supplied you will get
a mention in **Coming Events** and, if you wish, an
adv. Dates 'buried' in the article are not acceptable.

If you wish to design your own advertise-
ment, please make it in **A5 LANDSCAPE** (not
portrait as I printed in Feb.)

Word, Works or Publisher are acceptable
programmes. Most clip art used comes from Mi-
crosoft but it does not get through the virus pro-
tection at this time.

Scanned posters were classed as photos and
rejected as well. We will accept as many articles
and information to circulate as you want to supply,
but there is a need to ease the work load this end.
Please help.

For Sale

2 Bus tickets to the Adelaide Convention.

A \$400 Deposit has been paid on each ticket .

Contact Margaret Baines

3285 2130 0438 762 573

An Irish Camp Rambling Eights Annual Camp

Friday March 16th to Sunday 18th.

Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge, Crows Nest, (45 km outside of Esk .)

*As this covers St. Patrick's Day, we have decided that the theme for the camp will encompass
Green, Orange or anything Irish. We are bound to have some Leprechauns*

The access roads leading to the camp is good and the facilities provided are the equal to any
other we have found so far.

Details of the cost and registration form are available from David & Faith Pearce Ph. **3263 1408.**

**If you haven't tried a Square Dance Camp yet, why not get a group
together and join the fun.**

21- 22- 23 September 2007

DANCER WEEKEND REGISTRATION FORM

"Early Bird" closes 30th June 2007, \$30.00 per adult - \$15.00 per child

After 30th June 2007, \$34.00 per adult - \$17.00 per child

SURNAME: Given Name:

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ADDRESS:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Payment by: (please circle) cheque money order - cash

Dressed Squares Registration: Club Name:

Booth Space Registration (please tick this box for information to be sent to you)

Do you require your receipt posted? Please tick box

Please leave your Club Banner at the Registration Table.

NON DANCERS AND VISITORS MOST

WELCOMENO CHARGE*** (but please
sign in at the door)**

Registration Packs available from 6:30 pm. on Friday evening.

Cheques: Queensland Callers Association: P O Box 124, Golden Beach, 4551

Accommodation: A list of accommodation available in the area is attached separately to the flyer.

Further Information: Contact: Rod & Noleen Dinte: 07 5492 2112 - David & Margaret Smythe: 07 5492 1254

Callers & Cuers Application - CLOSES 30th June 2007

Please indicate your application to call or cue, and, if not available for the whole program, the sessions that you are available for.

Please note that an application to call or cue does not imply acceptance for programming.

Caller/Cuer

Name

Availability whole
programme

OR

Friday Night

Saturday Mornin

Saturday Afternoon

Saturday Night

Sunday Morning

Mainstream Plus Advanced Rounds Clogging

Contra Share call with: