

The Banana Benders Bugle

QCA. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The results of the elections at the AGM are :-

President	David Smythe
Vice-President	Matthew Mills
Secretary	Michael Mills
Treasurer	Rod Dinte

Caller Training Officer	Alan Evans
Northern Vice President	Kevin Clive

Program and Development Committee :-

Chairman	Alan Evans
Members	Rod Dinte, Kevin Clive, Matthew Mills, Margaret Baines.

The ACF State Co-coordinator nominee is David Smyth

Other QCA Board Members for the ACF are Nev McLachan, Rod Dinte & Alan Evans

David Smythe

A VERY PLEASING SIGHT.

There was a vote for one of the positions at the Qld Society AGM and it was extremely pleasing to see so many Society members had taken the opportunity to cast a postal vote.

To me it was a clear indication that some of you are taking an interest in what is happening in square dancing in Queensland and in the Society. This is very encouraging to those who are doing their best to improve this great pastime.

Hopefully at the next Society AGM we will see a number of positions put to the vote, a sure sign of a healthy movement. Thank you for your interest.

Noel M.

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The Society Annual General Meeting

Queensland Square Dancing Society inc. was held on Saturday 16th. March. The results of the election of officers are :-

Executive Committee;

President	Alec Webster
Vice President	Noel Miller
Secretary	Ann Dix
Treasurer	Alan Rayner
Executive Assistant	Sandra Bloomfield

Management Committee consists of the Executive members plus

Function Officer	David Pearce
Country Region Coordinator	Julie Jensen
Registrar	Alan Rayner
State Newsletter Editor	Noel Miller
State Review Editor/Distributor	Ray Nasmith

The four Elected Square Dancers are

Nellie Forbes	Aaron Hoppe
Helen Welsh	Lawrie McDonough

The Publicity/Promotions Officer duties will be handled by the Executive Committee at this time as there was no nominations for this position.

Noel M

The next Bugle will go out at the end of March.

Please have contributions in by 20th. March.

If you are going to include a pre designed add please make sure it is A5 size with a border of one centimeter minimum

This is your newsletter.

Please use it.

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Wavell Whirlaways

Our year began with a BBQ at the home of Sid and Betty. Everyone brings something for the table and we have a relaxed afternoon and evening.

The first club night was a wet and miserable night and some dancers decided not to venture out. We were small in numbers but still a great night was had..

The other major item on this year's program is the National Convention in June, and as a club we are looking forward to this great weekend or rather nearly a week of dancing. See you all there.

June and Margaret.

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

Happy New Year to all our fellow dancers. 96 dancers had a great time at our New Year's Eve Western Style Dance, with quite a bit of thought put into some of the costumes. Many thanks to all our wonderful helpers who made the night great.

The year has started out well with us dancing 3 squares each week so far. Everyone enjoyed the break, but are glad to be back dancing again.

Our next 5th Saturday of the month dance is on 29th March and the theme is "Mad Hatters". We look forward to seeing your 'millinery' skills, but if you are like me and have no skills, come along as you are, you will still be most welcome.

Until next report, enjoy your dancing.
Jan Hay

Leadership is about taking an organisation to a place it would not have otherwise gone without you, in a value adding, measurable way.
George M. C. Fisher

The task is not so much to see what no-one else has seen. It is to think what no-one else has yet thought of, about that which everyone else has seen.
Schopenhauer.

The tragedy of life is what dies inside people while they live.
Albert Schweitzer

Cane Country Squares Update

Cane Country Squares had a busy but very enjoyable end to year 2007. We were hosts to visitors from Mackay, Rockhampton, Maryborough and Hervey Bay for the District Christmas Party. Although it was a very hot night for dancing, our caller Shirley had some more restful entertainment such as Bingo etc. interspersed into the programme and all partook in a friendly supper.

Santa's helper, Anita Mills, announced the arrival of Santa and Mary Claus by entering the hall clanging a large metal spring with a donger. Mary Claus provided a basket of chocolates for everyone to choose from. Santa proved that he had cleaned up after his reindeer by bringing in his bag of "Reindeer Poo". Nancy Skyring was surprised on the night with presentation of Life Membership for her service to the club as Treasurer for 13 years.

A week later it was off by bus to our own Club break-up at Woodgate Beach for a BBQ lunch under the shady trees combined with Community Squares and a few friends. Each of us was given a roll of toilet paper to tear off as much or as little as we liked. We had to introduce ourselves by giving information about ourselves according to the number of pieces we tore off. The more pieces you tore off the more info you had to give. It was a lot of fun. Most people tried their luck at the game of Bocce, and some ventured across the road to the beach to swim and cool off. Once again it was a rather hot day, but all were relaxed and some found a coolest spot under the biggest tree with the most leaves.

We are all refreshed after the break and we are now working towards our Club's 25th Anniversary on Anzac Weekend. Hope you can join us.

Pam Garson

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.

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

It is pleasing to see a number of new recruits to Clogging throughout Queensland already this year, as well as the return of some dancers who haven't trod the boards with us for several years but have got that ole Clogging urge again.

Our National President, Debbie Selby, is progressing well from the horrific car accident she was involved in on 13th January this year. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to Debbie and her family.

The deletions and additions for the ACA 2008 Dance List are:

Basic/Plus deletions were All Star, Thibodaux, Should've Asked Her Faster, Since the Bushland Boogie Came This Way, and Big Jimmy & Felicidad.

They were replaced by: God's Been Good to Me (Aussie Clog 2007), Holiday (Canberra 2007), Since I've Gone (Aussie Clog 2007), Swingin' Door (Aussie Clog 2007), and While the Wife's Away (Aussie Clog 2007).

Easy Intermediate deletions were: Old Time Fiddle, Bring It On Down To My House, Show Me A Woman and Back Down In Louisiana.

They were replaced by: The Reel (Canberra 2007), Daddy's Money (Canberra 2007), Stop It I Like It (Canberra 2007), and No More Tears To Cry (Aussie Clog 2007).

Intermediate there were two deletions- Up and Jose Cuervo, that were replaced by Black Horse & The Cherry Tree (Canberra 2007) and Ooh (Canberra 2007).

Intermediate Plus deletions were: Angel and Stomp, replaced by Beat Me Daddy 8 To The Bar (Canberra 2007) and Dwarf's Yodel (Canberra 2007).

Advanced Hooked On Music, and Hot Corn, Cold Corn were deleted and replaced by Hillbillies In The Hay and Hit Me Up which were both taught at Canberra 2007.

The Get Rhythm Dance Team are into it again with new dance routines to master, ready for a host of appearances scheduled during '08.

See you at STORM KING ?? (It's a great weekend).

Best Wishes,

Frances

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My thoughts in February '08

People wonder why I ask for readers' opinions. Let me tell you a little story. Back about 30 years ago, a committee made the mistake of making me their Chairman. This body had been in existence for eighty years and was slowly fading out due to lack of participants and an unchanged format.

Everyone involved with that movement wanted 'something done' but the leaders were intent on not rocking the boat. At the annual event I took the opportunity to address the assembly of members, some of whom had travelled 1000K, and asked every one of them to write their opinion about what should be done to improve the situation. No one was sure what to do and neither was I. The activity was slowly grinding itself down to a halt. Sound familiar?

We gathered the opinions and then asked those interested to assemble, at their expense, for a weekend meeting to discuss the situation. Some forty people came some four to five hundred K to get to the gathering and all were billeted with interested families.

We assembled at the local high school, and on a blackboard we noted program problems, ineffective rules and anything that needed altering. No discussion, just points as people saw them. On another board we noted items and procedures we would like to see implemented, what format or program they would like in the future etc.

Taking all this info into consideration the Executive came up with rule changes, an interesting program and other alterations. Not all the alterations were to the liking of some of the leaders of the various groups but they all eventually went along with the changes even though some lost some status.

The changes resulted in an increase in participation of 338%. At my last contact with this body about fifteen years back, the increase was about 225% on the original number when I took over. It needed another shake up but it is still going.

Who knew the answer? The participants knew what was needed. They told us, we took notice, problem solved.

This is why I often ask you to give your opinions on subjects. The 'you' in the clubs know the answers to help square dancing.

It has taken a while to get you to offer your opinions but you did in December and I was thrilled. Keep up the good work. I have no doubt that your suggestions will ultimately make a difference.

Noel Miller.

Upbeat CHAOS

Party night back with lots of lei's bright and pretty colours. Round dancers are now learning a bit of jive and looking good too. We have just had our Birthday party in February and are looking forward to the March, Mad Hatters Party on Monday 31st March. Plus Dancers enjoying the whole night with all position plus this year.

Yours in dancing
Corinne Bradshaw

SQUARE PEGS

Dance Friday afternoon
12pm -3pm mainstream & plus.

Brian Hayhoe calls at
The Elanora Community
Centre , Galleon way Elanora.
Ph. 55203461

Logan City Square Dancers Inc

The 4th Anniversary of the Logan City Square Dance Centre was celebrated on 9th February with feature caller Chris Froggatt from New South Wales providing us with an afternoon of plus dancing and a terrific evening of squares. Six squares attended the evening dance and a great time was had by all. Chris is an accomplished, experienced caller who ran the "Knee Deep" Square dance club in Sydney for many years.

Chris has also written a book. Titled "Tales Of Ghrymatti - The Crystal Elements", the story is a fantasy full of dragons and people with special powers. For fans of this theme it's a good read and there are more to come.

Accompanied by his lovely wife Linda, we were pleased to host this very friendly, down to earth couple for the weekend. The day following the Anniversary dance saw the celebration of the 50th birthday of our esteemed President, Dougal Findlay. Dougal is a long time friend of Chris & Linda who were happy to stay over and join the party.

Our regular Saturday dance nights are on again this year with the next one being on 15th March with Kay Walker calling.

Tugun,

A good start to the year with our Island night seeing a few grass skirts. Rain, Rain and More Rain every Wednesday night on the Coast.

Thanks to Brian Hayhoe and Brian Brislane for helping Corinne and Marjorie run the club in Gary's absence. We're hoping Eric's shoulder heals faster as he has had a few set backs. All members should support the club with understanding that Gary has a long way to come and with the bad weather and road hold-ups it is not always easy for Gary to be on the Gold Coast.

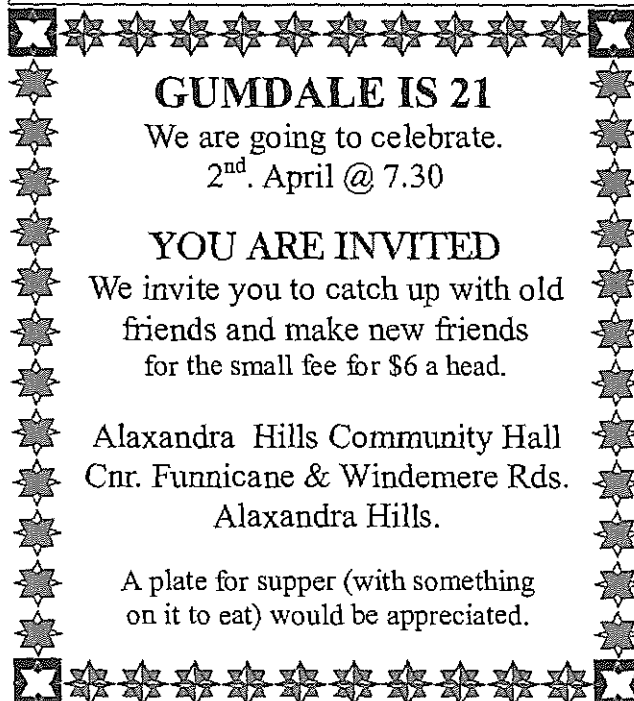
Learner Plus dancers have been going over Tea cup chain and ping pong circulate just to name a few.

New Round dancers are picking up the two step- with practice it would be great to have a few angles.

All looking forward to Tugun's 32nd Birthday party on 28th March 2008

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS.

29th March "Mad Hatters" dance
Kallangur Community Hall
Anzac Avenue
Kallangur - commencing 7p.m. cost \$5
For further information contact Margaret
32852130, Jan 33859947.



GUMDALE IS 21
We are going to celebrate.
2nd. April @ 7.30

YOU ARE INVITED
We invite you to catch up with old
friends and make new friends
for the small fee for \$6 a head.

Alexandra Hills Community Hall
Cnr. Funnicane & Windemere Rds.
Alexandra Hills.

A plate for supper (with something
on it to eat) would be appreciated.

The following is a letter to a fellow caller from one of the leading callers in USA. Permission to publish this letter in full has been granted by the author. N.M.

Hi Wink,

Thanks for the email and for your interest. Back in 1995, marketing specialists told us at a CALLERLAB Convention that square dancing is a great activity, but it has a huge image problem. I have felt for many years that our activity is almost the same as it was in the mid 1960's and it hasn't changed all that much. We're not doing Modern Western Square Dancing anymore, it's Traditional Western Square Dancing. What we think of as Traditional Square Dancing (i.e., visiting couple dances etc.) is Old Time Square Dancing.

We are way overdue for further evolving our activity! I had a one night party for a service organization here in Los Angeles. We had about 70 people. I used modern music, no rhyming patter, no fiddle music, line dances done to songs by Sheryl Crow and other non country groups, mixers to more modern music and just mentioned American Dancing (not square dancing).

They had so much fun, that many in the group wanted to do it again. With the help of some of the leader couples in the group. We found another date and a hall and sent out information by email to all the members of the group. We basically put all the info in a "flyer" type format and advertised it as Square Dancing. We asked for RSVP's and received mostly regrets with comments like, "we used to do that in grade school, and that's too corny etc." Jill and I were really disappointed because so many told us they wanted to dance again.

That's when I said to Jill, "let's send out the same email and change the words square dancing to team dancing and see what happens. About 56 people RSVP'd and came to our dance. We used a facility that ran about \$300 and that is used for Ball Room Dancing and other dance lessons. We wanted to cover the rent and not loose money and knew many of these people took lessons for more than \$20 an hour. We charged \$15 a person for the 2 hour dance, served food, coffee, tea, bottled water, soda's, and beer. No one had any problem with the donation.

They had a great time (only about 7 beers were consumed by a few guys) and again I used only modern music. I used the ABC program and also did line dances and mixers.

One guy toward the end of the evening called out to me from the floor and said, "isn't this a lot like square dancing?" I thought real fast and explained that square dancing is a Traditional American Dance that has evolved many times over the years as music and our society has changed. Team Dancing is a further evolution of the Old Time Square Dance and is so much more fun than other types of dances that require you to do fancy footwork and dance with only one other person. This is a Team Sport! They bought it and it further convinced me that we need to move our activity ahead and into this century. We did one other dance and have not had time on our schedule to put more together, but we plan to this next year.

I haven't heard anything about a Team and Letter Sport in California Schools, but Scot Byars and Eric Henerlau and doing some work in the schools in California. Tom Miller and Mike Callahan are also involved in the schools on the east coast.

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Calendar of Events

March

- 8 Maryborough 19th Birthday dance
- 7 - 9 Rambling 8's camp - Lake Perseverance.
Barry Wonson calling - Parkhurst, Rockhampton.
- 19 Wavell Whirlaways' 39th Birthday
- 15 Logan City Square Dancers Inc AGM & Saturday dance
- Hervey Bay Club birthday dance
- 29 Pine Rivers Senior Citizens club Saturday dance

April

- 2 Gumdale 21st. Birthday Night
- 5 Hervey Bay Dance, Guest Caller.
- 12 Logan City Square Dancers Inc
- ~~14~~ S Bar B pre St. Patrick Night MARCH 14TH
- ~~15~~ S Bar B Post Easter Dance MARCH 28TH
- 25 - 27 Cane Country Squares 25th Birthday dance.

MAY

- 2-5 North Queensland Square & Round Dance Convention - Malanda
- 3 Hervey Bay Guest Caller
- 10 Logan City Square Dancers Inc Dance
- 17 Allemander rounds
- 17 QCA general meeting
- Chug-A-Lug Cloggers 21st anniversary
- 31 Pine Rivers Senior Citizens Club Dance

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I haven't heard anything about a Team and Letter Sport in California Schools, but Scot Byars and Eric Henerlau and doing some work in the schools in California. Tom Miller and Mike Callahan are also involved in the schools on the east coast.

I invite you to give Team Dancing a try, but don't serve up square dancing. Use good non standard patter music and singing calls that younger people (40-60year olds or whatever your target group is) would relate to and most importantly, have fun!

I view this as part of the CALLERLAB Program Policy Initiative that is asking those of us that can to go out and try something new and share the successes and failures. Let me know how you do!

Mike Seastrom

There is a message in this letter that I am sure will be controversial. You certainly had plenty to say about the use of the word "square" in the many opinion I received.

This letter reinforces these opinion. There are many ways of looking at this subject and tradition is only one of them. I am positive every readers would like to see more dancers on the floor at their club but is the word square such an negative influence in this endeavor? How about a few thoughts and suggestions about another "word" instead of "square".

This may have a bearing on all our future efforts to populate the dance floors again.

Thanks for your interest. Noel M.

SATURDAY DANCE

Kay Walker

is calling at Logan
15th March 2008

LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCE CENTRE
161A Magnesium Drive
Crestmead

Standard Mainstream with some Plus
Rounds & Clogging too
(subject to Cues availability)

Time 7.30pm

Supper between 10-10.30pm
(a food contribution will be appreciated, thank you)

Admission \$6.00 per person
Raffle? Yes (don't forget your spare change)

More Info? Contact Jane 3299 7717

Logan City Square Dancers Inc

Regular sessions at the centre are;

Saturday Monthly dance
2nd & 4th Sundays A Level
Monday Basic/ Learners,
Friday Alan's Allemanders
Square Dance Club

See you somewhere, sometime, in our square dance world.

Jane Rayner
Secretary
Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

VERY INTERESTING STUFF

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only .Ladies Forbidden'...and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State in the US with the highest percentage of people who walk to work:
Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness:
28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: US \$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.

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This photo and text should have been in the last BBB but I overlooked it. My apologies. *Nael M*



"Did you know that not all Square Dance Callers go into hibernation during December only to emerge again in February of the next year, bright eyed and bushy tailed. No.

One caller, with the help of his good wife and family, decorated their house with Christmas decorations, Life size Santa's, Reindeers and thousands of bright sparkling lights. For you who live in Brisbane would surely have seen the transformation of homes who have entered the 4KQ Christmas Lights competition. A week or so before Christmas my wife and I decided to take a look at some of the local "Lit Up" entrants.

We came across one very well set up display, not far from home. When we stopped to take a closer look. We saw the proud owners of the lighting spectacular. None other than young caller, Scott, and Samantha McKenzie

What is more. They were holding a beginners Square Dance Class in their garage at the same time. Not only did they get spectators to admire the lights but also to see Square Dancing in action.

Faith and I joined them for a dance bracket before moving on to see more Christmas Lights. Scott Samantha and their family are to be congratulated not only for the lighting display, but also for showing Square Dancing off in this way."

David & Faith Pearce

PRICELESS

Jack wakes up at home with a huge hangover he can't believe. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirin next to a glass of water on the side table. And, next to them, a single red rose!

Jack sits down and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed.

Jack looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean. He takes the aspirins, cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror, and notices a note on the table: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping--Love you!"

He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast and the morning newspaper. His son is also at the table, eating.

Jack asks "Son...what happened last night?"

"Well, you came home after 3 am, drunk and out of your mind. You broke some furniture, puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door."

"So, why is everything in such perfect order, so clean, I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?"

His son replies, "Oh THAT! Mum dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your trousers off, you screamed,

"Leave me alone, you tart, I'm married!"

Broken furniture \$85.26 Hot Breakfast \$4.20 Red Rose bud \$3.00

Two Aspirins \$0.38

Saying the right thing, at the right time.....Priceless...



MARCH 21 - 23 2008

SUNSHINE COAST
SQUARE DANCE CENTRE
Buderim, Queensland.

EASTER FESTIVAL

With

Nev & Bev McLachlan

Week-end Dance Ticket Mainstream Only \$ 24.00

Full Week-end Dance Ticket \$ 40.00

Includes Bottomless Tea/Coffee and Saturday night Supper

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Friday	7.15 p.m.	Rounds	
	8.00 p.m.	Mainstream	\$ 8.00
Saturday	10.00 - 12 noon.....	A1 A2	\$ 6.00
	2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.....	Plus	\$ 6.00
	7.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.....	Rounds (First Hour) & Mainstream	\$ 10.00
Sunday	2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.....	Plus with "A" and Rounds	\$ 6.00
	7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.....	Mainstream	\$ 8.00

Reservations for Caravan/Camping sites \$ 5.00 per person per night and
Saturday/Sunday Lunch \$ 8.00 each served at 12.30 p.m.

and Saturday/Sunday Evening meals \$ 10.00 each served at 5.30 p.m.

**For Caller Registrations and Reservations for Meals & Sites,
which close on the 14TH March 2008**

**contact Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre
Nev & Bev McLachlan**

**Phone (07) 5445 1238 Fax (07) 5445 6742 or write to
PO Box 248 Buderim 4556. Email NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com**

If you don't have to leave why not stay and enjoy a night of Plus dancing on the Monday
night. Rounds starts at 5.45 and Plus Squares at 7.30 p.m.

Cost is \$ 6.00 per person

SNAKES ALIVE WEEKEND

Presented by EZ Squares - OUR 13TH Anniversary
Morayfield Community Hall
Morayfield Road

18-19-20 April 2008

Starring: Brian Hotchkies!
Enjoy A FUN & LAUGHTER WEEKEND -
LEARN SOME NEW MOVES

PROGRAM

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 - 7:30pm - Ezi Rounds	10:00 - 12:00pm - Main- stream with a difference	10:00am - Funday Basics Mainstream & Plus
7:30 - 10:30pm - Main- stream	1:00pm - Plus with Pleas- ure 3:00pm Rounds 7:00pm Ezi Rounds 7:30pm - Gala Squares Night	12:00pm - Sausage Sizzle

Catering: Non Stop Canteen - Free Supper Saturday Night!

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print)
(For Weekend Tickets & Round Cuers)

SURNAME:	Given Name:	
SURNAME:	Given Name:	
ADDRESS:		
	Post Code:	Do you require your receipt posted? Please tick box "

Cheques: EZ Squares, PO Box 30, Caboolture, 4510