

The Banana Benders

March 2012

BUGLE

Wavell Whirlaways Sunshine Squares

SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.



A.G.M. DANCE & MEETING



SATURDAY ~ 24th MARCH 2012

7.00 p.m.

WAVELL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HALL
EDINBURGH CASTLE RD, WAVELL HEIGHTS
(OPPOSITE BRAE STREET)

ADMISSION: \$ 8.00

PLEASE BRING A PLATE FOR SUPPER.

COME ALONG

FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN, FELLOWSHIP
& DANCING

- RAFFLES -

- SURPRISES -

- PRIZES -

ALL ENQUIRIES

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CALLERS & CUERS

PLEASE REGISTER BY 6th MARCH 2012



Hi All,

Hope this finds you all happy, refreshed, ready and enjoying a new year of dancing.

Just a friendly reminder about the Society AGM Dance and meeting coming up on the 24th March. Luckily our hall is not being used during the elections so it is full speed ahead as advertised.

We have a full night of dancing planned with something for everyone including a Plus bracket. There will also be a raffle and supper.

Please promote this dance with your clubs.

Thank you to the Callers and Cuers who have already registered. There is still time to register if you wish to be on the program. Please let us know by 6th. March.

We are looking forward to a great night of dancing and fellowship. We hope to see you all at this function.

Regards

Lynette and Sid.

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Noel Miller, Ph. 3841 6619

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

It was a right royal hot, hot start to the first few sessions of Clogging at Queensland Clubs, but dancers were not deterred from their favourite activity.

We may have lost some of our old favourites from the National Dance List, but check out their replacements. There have been very encouraging comments about the 'newbies'. Try them out for your Clogging enjoyment.

The prospect of showers of light rain has never discouraged us before (in fact it adds to the fun and games), and this year will be no different as we front up at Joyner for another supercalifragilisticexpialidocious STORM KING Camp long-weekend starting on 16th March.

Jenny and Edith are pleased with the bookings. Give them a call on 0409 121 749 (Jenny) or 07 5482 2306 (Edith) if you would like to join us.

The Get Rhythm Dance Team have been invited by Terry Scott to be part of the entertainment presented by his concert party at the Bribie Island RSL Club on the morning of Monday 19th March, with a follow-up the next morning at the Wynnum-Manly Leagues Club. Come along and join the throng and enjoy a great musical time.

There are short-cuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.

Best Wishes Always,

Frances

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HOW DID THEY DO IT.

I heard Lynette and Sid asked how they advertised the new club in the area.

7500 leaflet drops.

All school newsletters.

All amateur radio stations in the area.

It would have been an amount of work but well worth the effort.

After the first evening the local newspaper had a three quarter front page picture of a pair of dancer .

Does this give any club any ideas?

Noel Miller.

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

The club kicked off the year with lots of positives. After a Saturday night social of fun CDs for February, we are looking towards a busy March.

Some of us are going to Bundaberg to dance to Mike Davey, others are off to Lake Perseverance for a fun dance weekend doing lots of things Irish, and then Brian Hotchkies will call here at Hervey Bay on his way to and from Rocky.

Learners' classes are starting at the end of March, so all Angels are polishing up their halos.

Working bees are progressing, sewing our dress sets for the QCA State Convention in September – how are your's going? It would be nice to see lots of colour on the night.

Happy Birthday to Norm D, Alf, Iris and Wendy.
From all the members of the Hervey Bay Square Dance Club.

Check us out at
www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au

Happy Dancing all!

THE BULK OF THIS INFORMATION CAME OFF THE AUSTRALIAN WEB SITE

The address of this site is below. Often worth a look.

Hi everyone,

We have updated two new clubs on to the national web pages.

It is great to hear the success of Taigum Twirlers started up by Sid Leighton & Lynette McPherson on Saturday nights in 2/2012.

They are running a mixture of Square Dancing – Line Dancing – Old Time Dancing & Round Dancing and can be found at

<http://squaredance.org.au/Associations/State-Societies/Queensland/Clubs/Taigum-Twirlers-Taigum-QLD>

Physical address:-

Taigum State Primary School Hall
266 Handford Rd
Taigum QLD 4018

About 50 new dancers attended the first dance and numbers have fluctuated around the original attendance on subsequent evenings.

Welcome aboard to the latest square dance club - Australiana Dancers with caller Jaden Frigo which fires up on the 29/4/2012 in Somerville Victoria.

27th ANNIVERSARY DANCE AUGUST 3rd, 4th & 5TH 2012

FEATURING

Jerry Jestin From the USA

AT THE Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre, 260 Dixon Road, Buderim, Queensland

WEEK-END DANCE TICKET:-

Mainstream Only \$ 22.00

Mainstream & Plus Dance Ticket \$ 35.00

Full Week-end Dance Ticket \$ 40.00

Session Ticket \$ 8.00 each session available at the door

PROPOSED PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY	7.30 p.m.....	Welcome Dance (Mainstream)	
SATURDAY	12.30 – 2.00 pm.....	Advanced Dance	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm..... Plus with Rounds
	6.45 pm - 7.30 pm.....	Rounds	7.30 pm - 10.30 pm..... Mainstream
	10.30 pm.....	Bonfire & Entertainment with Gene Medford	
SUNDAY	Noon - 2.30 pm.....	Plus Dance with "A" bracket	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm..... Mainstream
	5.00 pm	Farewell Social (BYO)	

BOOK & PAY EARLY - limited powered sites available for caravan/camper or tent. Camping Costs are additional to dance tickets. For registration and reservation for sites contact:- **Nev & Bev McLachlan Phone** (07) 5445 1238, Fax (07) 5445 6742, Nev 0417 729 263 or Bev 0427 135 442 or write PO Box 248 Buderim 4556, Email NevBevMcLachlan@btgpond.com

For those who arrive earlier and/ or leave later here is our Weekly Programme.

Sunday	"A2" & "A1" 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Monday	Learning Rounds 5.45 - 7.15 pm Plus 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday	Learning Mainstream 6.00 - 7.30 pm Mainstream Workshop 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Wednesday Big Hall	Learning Rounds 8.30 am Learning Basics 9.35 am Mainstream Workshop 11.30 am Plus Wshop 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm
Wednesday Little Hall	Clogging Beginners 11.00 am Easy Intermediate 12.30 - 2.30 pm Intermediate 6.00 - 7.30 pm

Suncoasters Dance Week-end	
1 st Saturday	Rounds 7.00 pm Mainstream 7.30 pm
3 rd Saturday	Mainstream 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm Refreshment Break 6.30 - 7.00 Rounds 7.00 pm Mainstream 7.30 pm
Sunday	Following these Saturdays Phase IV, V Rds 2.00 - 4.00pm A2 & A1 4.30 - 7.00 pm

EZ Squares,

Wow what a great start to the New Year: we have 14 new dancers eager to learn this fabulous pastime and rumour has it that there are still a couple more interested.

We have a couple of demonstrations coming up this year so the committee decided to make a set of "adaptable" skirts, so a sewing bee is soon to be on the agenda.

Our annual general meeting is in a few week's time. We have a few nominations so far for the committee but it would be nice to see some new blood take on some of the positions.

The committee is now in "progress mode" for Snakes Alive after being told that due to the Council elections we were not able to have the Burpengary Hall even though we had it booked a year ago. It was all hands on deck trying to find a new venue as a lot of the other nearby halls were either being used for the elections or had been previously booked.

We were luckily able to book the RSL Veterans' Hall at Caboolture, after they kindly postponed their indoor bowls for the day to assist us with the use their Hall.

The parking is not as convenient as at Burpengary but we hope everyone will understand our predicament.

After we recover from "Snakes Alive" we will be looking forward to our next entry-free party night coming up in May. Clubs should have received our flyer by now with all the particulars on it. *Delwyn*

We all get heavier as we get older,
because there's a lot more information in our heads.
That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much
about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour.
By the time I leave, I look just fine



QCA 32nd Qld State Square Dance Convention



hosted by Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.
on behalf of The Queensland Callers' Association

September 28, 29, 30th 2012

Come to The Bay to Dance & Play
and have a Whale of a Time

Main Venue: Great Hall, Hervey Bay High School,
56-70 Beach Road, Pialba, Qld 4655



EARLY BIRD
STANDARD
SESSION TICKETS
CLOGGING
STUDENTS

CLOSES 30th APRIL 2012	\$60.-
1st May - 31st August 2012	\$70.-
Daytime \$12,-	Night Time \$15
Session Price	\$10,-
Under 16	½ Price

FOOD: Free Tea & Coffee all weekend. Canteen on site for snacks, meals & cold drinks.

All Enquiries: squaredance2012hb@gmail.com

Phone: Glenda 07 4125 3305

Program & Registration: www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au

Committee: Co-convenors: Glenda Gordon

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Alf Wassmer

2012 Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Registrar/Secretary:

Samantha Van Zonneveld

PO Box 5383

Decorations/Publicity:

Coraleen Moorcroft

Torquay, Qld 4655

Elaine Hughes

Moreton Bay SDC - end of an era!

Undoubtedly you read, in the previous issue, Laurine Mawson's wonderful recollections on the history of M B S D

The intention was to inform our friends in Square Dancing that, sadly, the majority of our members voted to terminate our Club, due to lack of new members and the on-set of age-weariness in our oldest, loyal members

To wind up the Club's activities, fifteen of us spent a great week in Yeppoon, organised as efficiently as ever by Mary McCoy who, as you know (together with her dear late husband Bill), has been the backbone of our Club for the majority of its life. And this month would have seen our 20th Birthday! What a shame there will be no Island Dance to celebrate!

Thank you so much to all our wonderful friends who have supported us all these years. No doubt some of us will see you down the track.

Happy Square Dancing!

Patsy-May Ponting

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SUNCOASTERS

Suncoasters had our first club dance of the year in mid-February and were able to welcome Nev and Bev who are finally back from their turtle-hopping trip, having been flooded in up north.

While they've been away, Gary Petersen has kept us all on the go with our basic lessons and workshops despite the heat and rain. We plan a working bee to clean up the outside of our Dance Centre hall in early March and are looking forward to lots of fun during the coming year.

Lyn

WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS

We have had a good start to the year. A BBQ in January at Sid and Betty Leighton's house for around sixty people was a great way to meet again after the Christmas break. We thank Sid and Betty for the use of their house and pool for the afternoon and evening. Thanks also to June, Margaret, Dianne and Carmel for preparing all the good food.

Dancing started back at the beginning of February with a few dancers missing. Some are still travelling, some not well.

As part of this year Wavell, along with Sunshine Square and Rounds, have started a beginners' course at Taigum State School on Saturday Nights. The first night we had just over fifty beginners. Numbers have dropped off a little but we are getting new dancers each week so numbers are staying around forty each week.

Our sympathies go out to Robyn Harris and her sister Judith on the recent passing of their Mother Alice Harris.

Looking forward to seeing all our dancing friends at the AGM dance on the 24th March.

June and Margaret

A RIDDLE TO KEEP YOU AWAKE

Only 5% of Stanford University graduates figured it out! Can you answer all seven of the following questions with the same word?

1. The word has seven letters....
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...

R a m b l i n g E i g h t s

Caller: David Pearce

The new year started off with numbers down a little, some due to wet conditions, others travelling, while health problems prevented other members from dancing. We wish for speedy recoveries for Norma and Val.

We had a great turn out for our Club's 26th birthday on Feb 17th. The hall was full to capacity with 5 sets on the floor: visitors from all around and guest callers included Graham Brandon, Noel McKenzie and Dougal Findlay. Thanks to our club members who helped with the planning and preparation, those who came early to set up and decorate, others who provided raffle donations, and the fantastic feast for supper. And of course thanks to David and Faith for the organising and the dancing.

At our Club BBQ amongst all the fun and friendliness we discussed and agreed on a date and time for the floor to be resurfaced.

By the time most of you read this it should be completed and we will be packing for our Camp at Lake Perseverance. Noel McKenzie and Jane Rayner will be assisting David with the dance sessions again this year. We will also have the added pleasure of a New Zealand couple joining us for the camp. Those dancers who know Ian and Raewyn know that Ian can call some interesting calls. As the weekend covers St. Patrick's Day the theme this year is all things Irish, so it won't be envy that is making us green. Photos will be on display at the club in the following weeks.

David has been practicing new numbers with some interesting twists and turns to challenge us, as well as some plus each week. Feedback is welcome, and all suggestions considered. The aim is to make dancing an enjoyable experience for all. Contributed by Christine Lucas

4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people don't need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die.

Did you figure it out? The answers are on P. 8

Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners Square Dance Club.

Our Caller David Habler is back in fine form this year, after having a few months off with his health.

Numbers have been down – always someone tripping off to other regions - but they always return.

Unfortunately for us we had to bring forward our Birthday Dance - the Hall is required for Polling booths.

Nevertheless, we will endeavour to entertain those who attend.

All the best for 2012 dance-wise – see you somewhere, sometime.

Maryborough Square dance Club

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car.

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,

'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

Rocky Twirlers Club News

Rocky Twirlers and Capricorn Waves have had a good start to the year with both Monday and Wednesday nights dancing 2 to 2 ½ squares. We have also commenced our learner's group on Friday with currently 6 learners.

On Friday 24th February; Michael and Rachelle Mills were in Bundaberg and visited Cane Country Squares that night; which was well attended with 3 squares.

A number of excited dancers from both Clubs will be attending a Square Dance weekend in Bundaberg on 2nd to 4th March; with guest caller Mike Davey.

Plans are well underway for a great weekend of Square Dancing with Brian Hotchkies on 23rd to 25th March. Both session and weekend tickets are available.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG

Everyone was glad to get back to Square Dancing after our long Christmas Break. We had 3 squares on the floor, which showed how keen everyone was. Noelene and Chris visited as well as Norm from Hervey Bay.

By the time this goes to print, Bundaberg will have had our Shindig. On Friday, 2nd March, the public are welcome to come and try square dancing, and hopefully from this we get some new people wanting to learn Square Dancing, as our classes start on 2nd March, and our Thursday group start on 8th March.

We were lucky to have Michael Mills from Rockhampton, call for us on 24th February, standing in for our Caller Matthew Mills, who was sick.

Averil Brookes

Publicity Officer

Cane Country Squares

Hear !Hear!

There's a three night Convention by QCA.
in September here at Hervey Bay.

Thanks to the locals there is even more
with a Trail In dance on Thursday,

it will be four,

and if after Sunday your feet are still alive,
come to the Trail Out dance on Monday,
and that makes it 5.

So much dancing, what a delight,
yet more to enjoy, there's no respite.

The Bay's on your doorstep with plenty to do
sailing, canoeing & Whale Watching too!

Time to both dance and relax at Hervey Bay
what a great excuse to extend your stay
Come and join us and have a Whale of a Time!

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QLD Square Dancing Events

MARCH

16-18 Rambling Eights SD Camp
Lake Perseverance (near Esk) David 3263 1408

17 Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club 23rd Birthday

Guest Caller: Matthew Mills Helen 4121 4617

21 Hervey Bay SD Club Dance 7pm Wednesday

Guest Caller: Brian Hotchkies
squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com

23—25 Capricorn Waves SD

Club 9th Birthday, Nth Rockhampton

Featuring: Brian Hotchkies
Enq Bevan 4922 7482

24 SD Society of QLD AGM Dance & Meeting, 7pm Wavell Hts

Hosts: Wavell Whirlaways & Sunshine Squares

Lynette 0409 679 010 or Sid 0418 724 636

MARCH

24 Maryborough SD Club
23rd Birthday Afternoon & Evening

Guest Caller: Matthew Mills Enq: Helen 4121 4617

26 Hervey Bay SD Club Dance 7pm Monday

Guest Caller: Brian Hotchkies
squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com

30 Salad Bowl Squares –
“Nautical & Nice” 7.30pm

Caller: Kay Walker Enq: Bev 3286 2260

31 Suncoasters SDC Dance “G” Theme

7 Rds, 7.30 M/S
Nev & Bev 5445 1238

31 Hervey Bay SD Club Dance

10am-12 squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com

APRIL

14 LCSDI Saturday Dance
7.30pm Guest Caller: Kay Walker

DANCER REGISTRATION (Please print)

For the QCA 32nd Qld State Convention at Hervey Bay on Sept. 28, 29, 30th in 2012

Surname _____ First Name _____ Full \$ _____ .00
 Surname _____ First Name _____ Full \$ _____ .00
 Surname _____ First Name _____ Full \$ _____ .00
 Surname _____ First Name _____ Full \$ _____ .00
FULL PAYMENT (ENCLOSED) \$ _____ .00

Contact Address: _____ Post Code _____
 Phone Contact: _____ email: _____

Please make all cheques/money orders payable to:

QCA 32nd Qld State Square Dance Convention

And forward together with the registration form to:

2012 Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc., PO Box 5383, Torquay, Qld, 4655

If you require a receipt, please enclose a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope or a current email address

Details for Electronic Funds Transfer:

Bank Details: B.S.B. No. 084-705 A/C No. 196147556 \$.00

Please use your name as a reference and email EFT receipt No. with date – Thank You.

Receipt No. DATED;

N.B. Cancellation fee of \$10.00 per registration applies, NO refunds after September 7th 2012

LEVEL OF DANCING: Mainstream Plus A1 Rounds Clogging (Please Tick)

REGISTRATION of a Dressed Set Club Name _____
 Club Banner Parade Club Name _____

BOOTH SPACE: Please indicate product/merchandise
 Please advise if you require further information.

INTERESTED IN INTRODUCTION TO ROUNDS: Fri. afternoon Mon. morning (Please Tick)

TRANSPORT: Dancers interested in transport please tick (Subject to numbers)

CALLER - CUER APPLICATION: Required by 31st March 2012

NAME: _____
SESSION AVAILABILITY: Whole Program or; (Please Tick as appropriate)

Fri Night Sat AM Sat. PM Sat. Night Sun. AM Sun. PM Sun Night

CALLING LEVELS: Mainstream Plus A1 Rounds Contra Clogging

WILLING TO DO MC DUTIES: Yes No

YOUR PREFERRED EQUIPMENT: Laptop Mini Disk Records CDs MP3

NB – an application to call does not imply acceptance for programming

Suggestions on how to distribute and use DVD .

A couple of things to recognize:

It would NOT be a good idea to distribute these discs to everyone in a club. They will sit on a shelf and gather dust.

Accept the fact that you are going to get a lot of “No thanks” but each “No thanks” brings you one step closer to the individual who says “Yes Please”.

Each club will get a supply of up to 8 discs, depending on the size of the club.

Suggestions:-

Put one individual in charge of the discs.

The person in charge should take note of who gets a disc, when it goes out, and when it is returned.

Time limit per prospect: two weeks.

(Work out what suits the club members. These are only suggestions).

Suggest to the ‘recruiting’ dancer that they give the disc to the prospect a couple of days before your next dance.

(If possible be present when the prospect is viewing the DVD.)

Check up the day after the prospect has been given the disc to see if they are interested.

This is just a little prompt in case the disc has not been viewed.

If there is a glimmer of interest suggest that the recruiting dancer pick up the prospect and take them to the next dance.

(Recover the disc and return it to the club).

The recruiting person has done their part now it is up to the members of the club to make that person welcome.

Sometimes we, as individuals, do not take the time to welcome new people to the club. We all have our friends with whom we spend time at dancers but we need to look for and speak with the ‘first night’ faces in the club.

Other places the DVD could be put to work.

Public libraries. Councils’ publications.

Get a mention on community radio.

Any newsletter (schools etc) that is distributed in the club’s sphere of interest.

Any other suggestions?

Answer to quiz on P . 5

The Answer is: NOTHING

NOTHING has 7 letters.

NOTHING preceded God.

NOTHING is greater than God.

NOTHING is more Evil than the devil.

All poor people have NOTHING.

Wealthy people need NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

AND FINALLY:

I will be retiring as President of the Society at the forthcoming AGM Dance and some of you will not be in attendance. It is fitting to thank the dancers at the functions and clubs we have attended for welcoming us into their gatherings. A health problem precluded us from attending more clubs, for which we are sorry.

I tried to be an inconspicuous President mainly because I treasure being just ‘me’. I have been in several organizations where I have occupied similar positions and I acted in a similar way, in some cases to the annoyance of others. When all is said and done we are all square dancers.

I have had a committee of able dancers and I have enjoyed working with them. I hope the fruits of our labour in getting the DVD completed will be successful and available to serve the organization for some time to come. The DVD will be circulated in the not too distant future.

I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve square dancing in Queensland.

Noel for

Marjie & Noel Miller.

NEW CONSTITUTION

In the next few days clubs will receive copies of a new Constitution for the Society. Most members have very little interest in such things.

Nevertheless to implement equality in regard to changing constitutions, a copy of the new document will be forwarded by email to clubs. The club recipient will be requested to print one copy of this constitution and have it available for interested members to read.

It really would be appreciated if there are any parts not to the approval of members to notify the Society secretary ASAP. Should there be no substantial objections to any part of the document, a special motion will be moved at the AGM meeting to accept this Constitution.

I had endeavoured to get this Bugle out by the week end just past as promised. The Constitution thing caused some delay. My apologies. Noel