

The Banana Benders Bugle

May 2007

My Scribble

This time it is important

At present the Square Dancing Society of Qld. Inc. comprises of two delegates (representatives) from each Club and an Executive Committee.

A few years back this arrangement was questioned, and after much deliberation the existing delegates present at a Society meeting accepted a new constitution. One of the positives of this new constitution would be that all the dancers in Queensland could join the Society. This would enable the Society to negotiate an economical and comprehensive insurance policy for all members. This has now been done.

At present the majority of Queensland Clubs are paying about \$400 plus per annum for insurance. Divide \$400 by the number of members your club has and that is the existing cost per head for insurance in your Club. With the present most commonly used policy, the Club has to pay the first \$2500 (excess) of any claim. You individually are paying for this expense through annual fees, entrance fees and the like. Because of this financial burden some Clubs have no insurance.

The Society is offering dancers an accident insurance policy which covers members from the time they leave their residence to attend a dance until they return to their residence anywhere in the world except the USA and Canada. This is an accident insurance more inclusive than most existing policies and there is no excess involved.

The aim of these changes is to open up the Society and encourage new ideas, thus providing all dancers with the opportunity to have a say in what is being done for dancing in Queensland and to provide all individual Society members with a meaningful insurance. This style of arrangement is not new. It is a democratic structure, which may help to revitalize square dancing.

Besides insurance the Society has administration, communication and meeting costs to cover. Other communication will cover these points. It is sincerely hoped that dancers will take this opportunity to have their say and be involved, that successful recruitment schemes will emerge and that this insurance by way of claims is never needed. No one knows what is in the future for anyone of us and some more fresh faces at Society meetings would be a real blessing.

NOEL MILLER

To All Square Dance Friends.

To all our square dance friends. I would like to thank you most sincerely for the many phone calls, floral arrangements, hospital visits and beautiful cards I have received. I feel very humble that so many people have thought of me. Every day I am getting stronger and I thank God for his love.

*Sincerely,
Val Rigby.*

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**Samantha Betty May Stratford and
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Open Wedding Ceremony

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Geebung

7am 7th July 2007

Please no presents, a voluntary gift of
money would be more appreciated for
the Wishing Well

Only 10 and a bit weeks to go :-

Many thanks, Sam and Scott

'Travelling Australia With Square Dancing'

(TAWS).

There will be a meeting at the National
Square Dance Convention in Adelaide where we
will probably launch this proposed body.

We would love to see you there!

Don Gillespie

See back page for details.

Rambling Eights Christmas in July

We will be holding our traditional

"Christmas In July"

Friday 27th July,

St. Pius Church Hall, Golda Ave. Salisbury.

The dancing will start at 7.30 pm,
and will conclude with a "Chrismassy" Sup-
per.

All Dancers and Callers are welcome.

For more details you may visit our web site:
ramblingeights.org

BUNDABERG WEEKEND DANCE, FUN & FRIENDSHIP BUS TRIP

TO BE RUN IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE QUARTLEY Q.C.A.
MEETING & TRAINING
WEEKEND.

WHEN? Friday 10th to Sunday 12th

August 2007

COST \$140.00 per Person

What will be included for this price?

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GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS Beginner Classes.

Starting Wednesday 9th may 7.30 pm.

First time dancers free so spread the word.

Alexandra Hills Community Hall

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Alexandra Hills.

For more information contact

Kevin – 33972915

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Queensland Round Dance Association Inc

The AGM has come and gone with David Pitt retiring as secretary and handing the reins over to Chris Heyworth who has big shoes to fill all the behind-the-scenes work that David has done is staggering. We also saw the selection of "Fly Me to the Moon" as the showcase selection and "Amegos Para Siempre" as the experimental choice.

Dancing is well underway with both Paula and Warwick and Linda and Owen running beginners' classes, again feeding off the success of 'Dancing with the Stars,' with good numbers remaining after more than just a week or two.

Please note that the Fisher weekends have changed to:

September 21st to 23rd 2007

Phase III - IV

September 28th to 30th 2007

Phase IV - V

We have finalised our insurance decisions and all members are now covered by a personal injury policy which covers them while they are taking part in their normal dancing sessions and travel to and from these sessions, but excludes social dancing or activities at home. Round dancers who also square dance as part of their normal dancing activity are also covered by this policy.

David and Sylvia have been extremely busy converting the Roundalab VHS tapes to DVD format, and these are now available from Club leaders to financial members for a limited period as a teaching tool, helping beginners grapple with new terms and understand the movements more readily.

Best wishes to Ken Bolton who is hobbling around with extra support after breaking a leg mowing - weeds or lawn? Hope to see him back on the floor soon.

Chris Heyworth

You can give without loving
But you can't love without giving.

Sr. Angela Doyle

The man who follows the crowd usually gets no further than the crowd. The man who walks alone is likely to find himself in places no one has ever been. From the Courier Mail. *Wie* 26/2/05

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

"WILL WE OR WON'T WE?", "SHOULD WE OR SHOULDN'T WE?" Yea, that is the burning question, with most giving a resounding "YES, LET'S DO IT!" What am I referring to? The 12th National Clogging Convention in Canberra at the end of August of course.

A wonderful resource tool is www.cloggingaustralia.com for all Clogging info. Check it out if you haven't already done so- you'll be surprised and pleased at the content.

The mighty month of May promises to be a busy one, what with the Urban Country Music Festival in Caboolture on the first weekend, the Ipswich Show the following weekend, plus the Brisbane Eisteddfod at the RNA Showgrounds on the last weekend in May.

When you're at the Ipswich Show on the 12th come and see Sunstate Leader Olive Borovsky putting a group of enthusiasts thorough their stuff over in the pavilions' area, AND catch up with Merv and Zillah Duplock who will be on the Wine Society stall providing tastings of some excellent product.

Just checked the list, and there are well over 30 Clogging sessions held weekly in Queensland, Monday through to Sunday.

If you are travelling either intra or interstate, pack your shoes and visit a Clogging Club- you will be made very welcome.

Let's hear it for Clogging!

Cheers,

Frances

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

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Tugun Twirlers Report.

We have had a busy time so far this year. We commenced with a beach party 31st January, and then Red Heart night on 14th February. Lots of members went to Alstonville's 15th Birthday Party with Nev McLachlan & Wilma, where this Club's members made and donated over 100 x-ray bags to the local Hospital.

We celebrated the Club's 31st Anniversary in March with the cutting of a cake. We also celebrated Gwen Moritz's OBE (Over Blooming Eighty).

Corinne Bradshaw

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

We had a great time at our Magical March dance on Saturday 31st March. 87 people attended making 7 sets of dancers, while others socialised, and 9 callers. It was enjoyed by all that attended. The supper, plus free scones with jam and cream, received excellent comments. Special thanks to all who attended and trust we will see you again in June.

Congratulations and thanks to Brian and Carol Newman for organising the free 'come and try' dance at Dayboro.

Saturday 14th April we had a group of our dancers attend Moreton Bay Squares for their 16th birthday dance. We had a fantastic time. Many thanks to all at Russell Island for the fun and friendship. A job well done.

Margaret Baines

BUNDABERG WEEKEND DANCE, FUN & FRIENDSHIP BUS TRIP

Bus trip to and from Bundaberg.
Accommodation for TWO Nights AND Two Breakfasts.

The Bus will pick up from Southside of Brisbane starting at 9.00am at a point to be decided, and continue on to the Northside, then on to the North Coast for further pickups. As there are only 23 (TWENTYTHREE) seats available, book early and don't be disappointed.

The programme in Bundy is as follows:

Friday night- Cane Country Dance, Rounds, Mainstream & Plus.

Saturday AM, a tour of the area will be available for those who wish to take this opportunity.

Saturday afternoon, Plus.

Saturday night Rounds & Mainstream.

Sunday morning another tour, for those who wish or a trip to the local markets.

The Bus leaves at 1.00pm.

Of course for the QCA Members the Quarterly meeting and training session will be held over this weekend.

What is NOT included in the above price?
Meals other than Breakfast, Entry to Dances, and Entry to Attractions if applicable?

The Accommodation is Motel on a Twin share basis.

All bookings must be confirmed and paid for in full by Friday the 20th of July.

All enquiries and Bookings to
Mary Hutchen Ph 3350 3625.

Growing Old & Living Dangerously (GOLD!).

A Brisbane City Council GOLD program.

Arana Hills Community Centre (next to Arana Leagues Club)

2.15pm to 4.30 pm **12TH MAY** (**NOT** the 19th of May)

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

Rambling Eights Camp

Our "Irish Camp" was a tremendous success. With 67 dancers registered, and a square of visiting dancers from Toowoomba on the Saturday evening, there were smiling faces all round.

We had some children with their parents this year and they contributed to the atmosphere of the weekend. It was good to see the younger dancers mixing in the squares and other activities with the adults.

David Pearce and Noel McKenzie were the main callers for the weekend, and they used the weekend to try some different formations and interesting sequences that kept the dancers on their toes.

We were pleased to have Bill and Beth McHardy join us for the weekend. Bill has been running clubs in Toowoomba for over 40 years. His undisputed calling ability has been passed on to his son Malcolm who called several brackets and a couple of duets with "Dad". Other "New Faces" also called on the Sunday morning "Amateur Hour"

Corinne Bradshaw choreographed some round dances especially for the camp as well as conducting several Round Dance sessions and brackets during other dance sessions. Several couples tried "Rounds" for the first time and experienced another facet of the Square dance activity.

Sports were fiercely competed for, however the "Camp Rules" made it a load of fun and evened out the Professionals and Amateurs. Corinne Bradshaw and Paul Best took out the prizes for Table Tennis, George and Ann Stevens showed how to win on the Tennis court, while down on the oval, Win Mason and Arthur Morgan displayed their skills at Bocce'.

The Saturday evening Gaelic party brought out the extroverts. The dancers excelled themselves with Irish themed outfits. Many had gone to a lot of trouble to dress up in green with hats, four leaf clovers and a Shillelagh under their arm. It was great to see so many enter the spirit of fun for the party night.

The "After Party" also showed some talents that had been hidden before. Bill has us singing along while he strummed his guitar. He was supported by dancers who providing skits, poems and other items. Much merriment was had by all.

Many dancers contributed to the camp's success by helping in many ways. To all of you-**THANK YOU.**

While we are still on Camps, think about a theme for next year. Already, "Comic characters" and "Circus" have been put forward as suggestions.

Put the date in your diary NOW- 7th-9th March, 2008.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 4-7 Nth Q'ld Convention - Townsville
- 5-6 Cane Country Squares (Bundaberg)
Jason Dean Calling
- 11 S Bar B pre Mothers Day
- 12 Society General Meeting
- 12 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Saturday Dance
- 19 QCA Wide Bay Caller/Cuer training session and Saturday dance
- 20 Q.C.A. Quarterly Meeting
- 20 Chug-A-Lug Cloggers 19th Birthday
- 25 Pancake Night at Salad Bowl Squares
- 25 S Bar B pre Adelaide Tour
- 26 Allemanders Round Dance 7.30pm
St Agnes
- 30 Tugan Twirlers Roaring 20s Night

JUNE

- 2 Rocky Twirlers Fun with John Casey.
- 7-11 National Convention Adelaide
- 8 S Bar B with guest caller tom Phillip
- 16 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Saturday Dance
- 23 Lighthouse Sq, 27th. Birthday
- 29 Salad Bowl Squares Soup Night
- 30 Pine Rivers "Come Incognito" Wear a Mask Dance
- 30 Beginners' Round Dance - 7.30pm
Camp Hill School of Arts

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Moreton Bay Squares.

Yes! The hills (sand dunes) were alive with the sound of music on Saturday 14th when we celebrated our sixteenth birthday. We had perfect conditions with the sunshine, the attendance, and a wonderful atmosphere. All combined made for a most successful and happy day for all present. Our numbers were 70, which included 5 great callers. It was our pleasure to welcome guests from as far as the Gold Coast all the way up the coast to Bribie Island.

Our gratitude goes out to callers Noel McKenzie, Allan Evans, Margaret Baines, Peter Storey and round dancing cuer Corienne Bradshaw. Their combined effort gave us a day of mixed levels of interesting dancing. Not forgetting our very own trainee caller Carol Leane making her debut with great success. She received many accolades for her efforts, of which I am sure will be of great encouragement to her. Noel introduced a new game this year, which created much fun and laughter.

It was terrific to see those with us who came from afar (some we only see now and then when we go out visiting during the year), also all the very new dancers who did their clubs proud with a grand effort all round. It was most rewarding to see them enjoying themselves.

I take this wonderful opportunity to offer our Club's thanks to all our friends who took to the washing and tidying up without prompting, demonstrating the true square dancing spirit. . .

At this stage I would like to offer my grateful thanks and appreciation to the members of the Moreton Bay Squares for their wonderful efforts of help and support, especially for producing those very tempting desserts.

Twelve midday saw us all sit down to a much enjoyed two course lunch after which dancing continued till 2 p.m. At the risk of repeating myself, a great day was had by all. Tired but happy, our visitors then enjoyed a relaxing trip via the ferry back to Australia (as we here on the island fondly refer to the mainland). Many Thanks once again to all of you for your support.

From Nellie (President)

Rocky Twirlers Square Dance Club News

Wow! 2007, where is it going? It seems like only yesterday that it was CHRISTMAS 2006.

All sorts of things have been happening for us this year, both good and unfortunately some not so good.

We are still dancing two nights a week. Wednesday is Mainstream, and we have changed our Basics to Friday nights, thus allowing some new dancers that could not see their way clear to dance during the week to now start Dancing.

Eight new Dancers started this year including two Juniors.

The 10th of March saw the long awaited Wedding of Michael Mills and Rachele Kelly in Bundaherg, so now I have an old married Co-Caller to work with, as a Club Caller and a friend. We could not be more proud of them. Congratulations! Kids (that's the last time I call you that).

On the weekend of the 23rd & 24th of March Glen and Rosalee Wilson visited us for Glen to work his magic from the stage. It will be quite a while before the dancers stop talking about it, especially the session on Hexagons. Bevan from Capricorn Waves, Michael and myself, are now continuing on with these formations once month at either Twirlers or Capricorn Waves Club.

We are looking forward to having John Casey in June, and Allan Evans for our 10th Birthday in July.

Until next time I talk or Dance with you
Keep dancing, Keep SMILING and be HAPPY.
Rob Fry

Hervey Bay Square Dancers Club Inc.

The newly elected management committee of our club is.

President	Alf Wassmer
Vice President	Joan Miller
Secretary	Margaret Finch
Assistant Secretary	Michiel Boerlage
Treasurer	Samantha van Zonneveld
Assistant Treasurer	Doreen Wright
Leader/Teacher	Chris Christian

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The Secretary

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The Middle Wife

By an Anonymous 2nd grade teacher I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own Grade 2 classroom.

I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on kids. If they want to talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds up a snapshot of an infant.

"This is Luke, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday. First, Mum and Dad made him as a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mum's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrellia cord." (She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement.)

"Then, about two Saturdays ago, my Mum starts swaying and going, 'Oh, oh, oh, oh!' (Erica puts a hand behind her back and groans)

"She walked around the house for, like an hour, 'Oh, oh, oh!' (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.)

"My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Domino's man. They got my Mum to lie down in bed like this."

[Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall.]

"And then, pop! My Mum had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshhheew!" (This kid has her legs spread and with her little hands are miming water flowing away. It was too much!)

"Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, push,' and 'breathe, breathe.' They started counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff, they all said it was from Mum's play-centre so there must be a lot of stuff inside there."

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat. I'm sure I applauded the loudest. Ever since then, if it's show-and-tell day, I bring my camcorder, just in case another Erica comes along.

Rob Fry says THANKS

It is with regret that I have resigned as Promotions Officer for the Square Dancing Society of Qld. Inc.

This has happened totally for personal & family reasons, and in no way reflects on anyone involved with the Society.

I would like to thank the Dancers of Queensland, and the Executive of the Society for their support and help during my time in this position.

Even though I may no longer be the Promotions Officer I still have a considerable amount of contacts etc., and this information is still available to all Clubs and Dancers- all you have to do is ring (07)49267075 - 0427741500, or Email me rob.fry@bigpond.net.au and I will only be too happy to help in any way I can.

Once again thank you all, and I will see you on a Dance Floor somewhere, and especially hopefully in Rockhampton.

Rob Fry,

Co-Caller and President of the Rocky Twirlers Square Dance Club.

B'N'M Squares.

We are getting a set at the club on a Saturday and this includes a couple of new people so this is good.

The pre jitters BBQ and dance on 24th March went off well. Forty five people were there for the BBQ that included people from our church who do not dance but like to watch.

We had 3 sets dancing throughout the night. Everyone had a great evening. It was pleasing that Graham Rigby was able to attend along with other callers- Col Jones, Margaret Baines and Warren Fleming. Bruce called and Scott and Sam did a couple of duets. Thanks to everyone who came along and made it a great evening for Scott and Samantha (Sam).

Marjorie McKenzie

The closing date for contributions to the June 07 Bugle will be 17th. May (two weeks prior to the 1st. of the next month.)

Please keep article to about 400 words.

All ads to be A5 portrait if possible.

All contributions in Microsoft Word or Works.

Many thanks for your cooperation. Keep "it" coming. Noel M.

PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF AN AUSTRALIAN SQUARE DANCE TRAVELLERS' CLUB

Introduction

An informal discussion between camper patrons at the Suncoaster's Square Dance Centre, Buderim, Queensland, in August 2006, gave rise to the Proposal for an Australian Square Dance Travellers Club. It was agreed that the formation of such a club should be brought to the attention of the whole of the Australian square dance population, and the preferred manner in which to do so would be at the 2007 National Convention.

It was also considered that the proposed club should be a non-profit, volunteer organisation devoted to the betterment of square dancing and travelling throughout Australia, and the social interaction of members

Much thought and banter took place with respect to what might this club be called, and the favoured title was "Travelling Australia with Square Dancers" (T.A.W.S).

Objective and Purpose

The Objective and Purpose of T.A.W.S. is to provide an opportunity for, and to encourage, those interested in both modern square dancing and travelling to combine these two activities for mutual enjoyment.

Membership of T.A.W.S.

Membership of T.A.W.S. is open to all couples and single individuals who:

a. Have completed a prescribed training programme in modern square dancing, or clearly demonstrate the equivalent ability in established square dance clubs, and

b. Are travellers

A "traveller" is defined, for the purpose of T.A.W.S., as one who, at various intervals, travels and resides at a holiday site, as in a National Park, Holiday/Tourist park, Camping ground, throughout Australia; in a tent, camper-trailer, motorhome, caravan, or other temporary shelter, but **excludes** temporary residence in a motel, hotel or other organised facilities catering principally for transient travellers and which normally furnish bedding, and other refinements of normal day-to-day living.

Membership of T.A.W.S. shall be indicated by a membership card/certificate/car sticker, or other such token.

Membership shall be organised on a National basis with a representative appointed/seconded, or elected for each State (purely for efficient communication and liaison.)

Monies

T.A.W.S. shall be a non-profit organisation, and any monies, collected by whatever means, shall be received and distributed by a person elected to do so. All monies shall be used for the benefit of members in pursuit of the stated objectives.

State Chapters

State chapters of the T.A.W.S. may be a consideration in the future, dependent upon interest, participation and growth. At the outset, establishment of chapters is considered to be an unnecessary impediment to progress.

Co-ordinating Committee

A National Co-ordinating Committee shall be elected/volunteered, comprising a Co-ordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, and State representatives.

The Committee shall co-ordinate activities, receive & distribute information to members, maintain a register of members, and receive and distribute monies as required.

Communications

The preferred means of communication is by E-mail as this is considered to be the most cost effective and quickest means of disseminating information to members.

Registration of Interest

If you consider that this proposal has merit, and that you would like to participate, please complete the Registration of Interest pro forma attached hereto, and hand it, or Email it to one of the following persons:

Leighton or Sandra Bloomfield, (ljbloomfield1@optushome.com.au)

Don Gillespie, (dongone@internode.on.net)

Mal Parrington, (malparry5@sa.chariot.net.au) Or some other nominated person to be advised.

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Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms).....

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Town/City.....State.....Area code.....

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E-mail.....