

The Banana Benders Bugle

May 2008

JOINT MEETING OF THE Executives of the QCA and SDSQ inc.

David Smythe Residence, 138 Golden Beach, Caloundra.

QCA represented by David Smythe, Alan Evens, Rob Dente, Matthew Mills.

Q.S.D.S inc. represented by Alec Webster, Jane & Alan Rayner, Sandra Bloomfield, Noel Miller.

Anita Mills acted as secretary for the gathering.

The purpose of the meeting was to enhance coordination and cooperation between the two main bodies involved in square dancing in Qld.

The following matters were resolved.

The four main combined events of the year were allocated fixed dates.

Christmas Party will stay where it is but further consideration will be given to the concept. E.g. is it a Party or Dance?

Sunshine State Roundup & Gala Dance will be held on the third weekend in May.

The Society will hold its meeting on Saturday morning.

Gala Dance will be held Saturday afternoon and the program will be slanted towards a beginner's syllabus.

The Roundup will take place Saturday evening using the MS program.

The QCA will conduct their Quarterly Meeting Sunday morning.

Combining all mentioned events will encourage better attendance at activities held on this weekend.

State Convention: The aim is to have two out of every three State Conventions out of Brisbane. They are to be held on a weekend in the time slot July – September inclusive. The Society has been requested to contribute information for the programme.

The Calendar for ALL these events will be published in the November Bugle of the previous year.

New Dancers Syllabus: The QCA has a Callerlab suggested MS Teaching Order, which can be completed in ten weeks. It is on trial and should assist new dancers. This will enable new dancers to participate in functions and they can increase their skills in a steady stream a little every week after the introductory programme.

Some other subjects were tabled and will be discussed at future gatherings when a little more research has been done. It was a very congenial meeting and all involved participated fully. All were extremely pleased with the outcome. The desire to have more such meetings was expressed and the concept received complete acceptance. Things are starting to come together.

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President QCA

Alec Webster,
President SDSQ Inc.

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BAR K RAMBLERS CIRCLE W SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Wish to announce that after 34 years of fun friendship and dancing
we will celebrate our

LAST REGULAR DANCE NIGHT ON FRIDAY MAY 23RD 2008

Commencing at 8.00 p.m.

NO, the Club is not closing

We will be meeting on a less regular basis and at various venues.

COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION

at St Mary's Church Hall, Main St, Kangaroo Point .
300m North of River Terrace intersection

Admission \$ 7.00 per person and a plate would be most appreciated for our
combined supper

Further enquiries contact Nev or Bev McLachlan (07) 5445 1238
or NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

DATE CLAIMER

Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre

23rd Anniversary Dance Weekend

1st - 3rd August 2008

more details to follow

T.A.W.S.

[TRAVELLING AUSTRALIA WITH SQUAREDANCERS]

'POST NATIONAL FUN & DANCE WEEK-END'

Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre Buderim

13 - 15 JUNE 2008

Friday	7 pm	Wine & Cheese Tasting	\$ 15.00
Saturday	1.30 pm	Plus	\$ 6.00
7 pm	Rounds		
8 pm	Mainstream		\$ 8.00
Sunday	9 am	Champagne Brunch	\$ 10.00
1.30 pm	Advanced		\$ 6.00
5 pm	Happy Hour		\$ 5.00
6 pm	Dinner		\$ 12.00
7 pm	Mainstream		\$ 6.00

FULL WEEK-END TICKET \$ 50.00

Program & Prices subject to confirmation

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Round Dance Corner- May

The Queensland Round Dance Association now has its own WEB SITE.

You can find us at <http://rounddanceqld.com>

Or www.rounddanceqld.com

It is still developing and much more information will be added before it is complete. For example, we would like to list every Square dance club where some round dancing takes place – the name of the cuer, and a phone or E-mail contact for that person. We can only do this if you send these details to our secretary, Chris Heyworth at caduceus22@hotmail.com or David Pitt at d.pitt@optusnet.com.au

QRDA is holding a special Dance– The Elva Hoppe Memorial Dance, to honour the contribution Elva made to round dancing in its early days. It will be held at St. Agnes School Hall, in Tudor St. Mt Gravatt on Saturday 28th June , commencing at 7.30. pm.

Warwick Armstrong is looking for cuers who would be interested in cueing some of the early dances and have cue sheets and music available. You can contact him direct, or via Chris Heyworth. (QRDA secretary) We are also looking for any dancers who may have photos or other memorabilia from that era for a display on the night . Aaron Hoppe would love to hear from you on 3378 0825 or at aaron@achoppe.com

Live as if you are to die tomorrow,
Learn as though you will live forever.

Natalie Barr

Dear Lord,
I pray for wisdom to understand my man; lots of love, to forgive him; and patience, for his moods because, Lord, if I pray for strength, I'll beat him to death. AMEN

The Secret of Happiness is not doing what one likes, but in liking what one does.

James M Barrie

Upbeat C.H.A.O.S Club News

The Club is still operating in the Deception Bay Community Hall. Gary is including a lot of Plus practice for the dancers before the National Convention in Brisbane. He tested some new records to give the dancers a little challenge with some unusual plus moves.

Just a reminder that Upbeat C.H.A.O.S will not be dancing on May 5th. There will be no dance at the Club while the National Convention is in progress. There will be no rounds until I am back on my feet after a recent operation.

Corinne Bradshaw.

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

"CITY ENTERTAINMENT", a full-colour 24 page brochure distributed monthly by the Brisbane City Council both through direct mail and collection points at BCC offices and Centres, did us the honour of using a photo of the 'Get Rhythm' Dance Team to publicise this year's Senior Superstar auditions. You might remember the Team made last year's Finals and brought the house down.

Friday 18th April was promotions day in the Brisbane Queen Street Mall for the Senior Superstar contest. Once again the large crowd enjoyed our two separate performances during the afternoon at the conclusion of which we, and the other performers there, were warmly praised for our efforts by the Lord Mayor Campbell Newman. A wonderful Team effort- you did Clogging proud!

Where will you be on Sunday 18th May? CHUG-A-LUG CLOGGERS will be celebrating the Club's 21st Anniversary with a giant day of dance, fun and fellowship from 9:30 am to 4 pm at the Red Cross Hall, Newdegate Street, Greenslopes, opposite the Greenslopes Private Hospital. **FREE ADMISSION. EVERYONE'S INVITED.**

You will be pleased to know that the President of the ACA Inc. Debbie Selby, is regaining her health slowly but surely and is looking forward, as we all are, to the National Clogging Convention in mid-September this year. Day And Night Clogging Excitement- EXACTLY!!

Best Wishes,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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I was depressed last night so I called Lifeline. I ended up at a call centre in Pakistan. I told them I was suicidal. They got all excited and asked if I could fly a plane.

Gumdale Grandsliders reach 21.

The Gumdale Grandsliders attained their twenty-one years of dancing on 2nd April and celebrations were the order of the evening.

The dance was well attended and included dancers from other Clubs, several callers and some overseas visitors- well, from the Bay Island clubs. They had to come by boat over the sea, didn't they?

The evening moved along at an enjoyable pace and included raffles, spot prizes and a Monto Carlo.

Alan Evans, the resident caller, had all on the floor dancing and singing all night.

The next big night at Gumdale will be a reunion dance in August and you are all welcome, particularly if you have danced at the club.

Dawn Savage.

Snakes Alive Weekend – 18-20 April 2008

A very big thank you to all those people who attended this annual event, without you and your enthusiasm for attending we would not be holding this event every year.

Brian Hotchkies was in his usual form and a fun time was had by everyone. Brian walked us through many variations of moves we thought we knew, thus confusing those of us who are a little slow on the up-take. There was one small detail that may have felt a little flat in that Rod Dinte explained that now he had reached the mature age of 65 years, he would no longer be misbehaving or acting the clown. I am sorry to report that idea of maturity only lasted for a 24hour period. On Sunday morning he was up to his old tricks yet again. He came on stage sporting a purple Mobawk hairstyle, a glittering purple velvet vest, and pale green trousers and showing dreadful red socks, two different coloured shoes and a shirt that really belonged to a Spanish Matador with green and gold frills from the shoulder to the cuff. Talk about poor taste and bad dress sense.

A very special Thank You to the team in the kitchen for serving food and nourishment to the dancers so they can continue dancing, and the wonderful supper on Saturday night. I would also like to thank those club members and visitors who assisted with preparing the hall and with cleaning up on the Sunday. Also not to be forgotten, the members who took care of the sausage sizzle on Sunday so that the dancers went home with full tummies. Thanks to each and everyone of you!

Thank you Brian for a great weekend, we are looking forward to next year's event scheduled for the 24-25-26 April 2009!

Kaye Clouston
Publicity Officer/President
EZ Squares Caboolture

Margaret Baines Receives A Well Deserved Acknowledgement.



At a recent "5th Saturday of the month" dance at the Pine Rivers Senior Citizens Club, Margaret Baines and the Club were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Queensland Callers Association. David Smythe and Rod Dinte made the presentation.

Margaret Baines is the only person who contributes a portion of the revenue from special Saturday night dances to the QCA and the Society. A few years back this was an accepted practice, it is still in the Red Book, but has been generally ignored in recent times. Congratulations and well done Margaret.

The secret of making something work in your life is, first of all, the deep desire to make it work, then the faith and belief that it can work, then to hold that clear, definite vision in your consciousness, and see it working out step by step, without one thought or doubt or disbelief. Eileen Cadd

49th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION



5-9 JUNE 2008

Dressed Set Parade



Dancers participating in the dressed set parade
must be registered convention ticket holders.

**There are numerous things to do in June to
Get This Convention Set Up.**

Can You Help?

If you are able to help, please contact convention Secretary,
Carole Mackinney on (07) 3343 3393 or
email; cbmackinney@bigpond.com

SUNCOASTERS - BUDERIM

What a fun month April has been! After an exciting start to our beginner intake in March with 6 squares coming along to try it out, we now have an enthusiastic core of around 30 new dancers beavering away at their basics and loving every moment of it, ably assisted by our faithful 'angels'.

Last year's beginners "graduated" on Saturday 19th with the presentation of certificates that caused much laughter and light-hearted banter.

Hot Diggety Dog!!! That's right folks, the second Tuesday social for this year is the hot dog night on Tuesday 29th and it will be most interesting to watch who packs away the most. Who cares? Who's counting?? We can always dance it off later.

Our other regular dancers at plus, A1 &2 and the Wednesday workshops are all chugging along in fine style and I continue to clock up my usual 3 km or so at each event. Just as well; something has to compensate for all those lavish suppers.

Looking forward to ending April with our visit to Cane Country Squares 25th birthday dance in Bundaherg as well as finishing off the month of May with a bang at our Red Hot night - any survivors? Just wait and see.

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

Our Mad Hatters dance on 29th March was enjoyed by 89 dancers, which included 11 callers. This gave variety to the night and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Our next dance will be held on 31st May (just 1 week before the convention), so please join us for a great night.

Quite a few of our members will be attending the National and we just can't wait for it to start, maybe except for Margaret who is in charge of the decorations, and needs every minute she can get before the big event.

Our numbers are holding well this year- at least 3 squares each week, and we have a lot of fun.

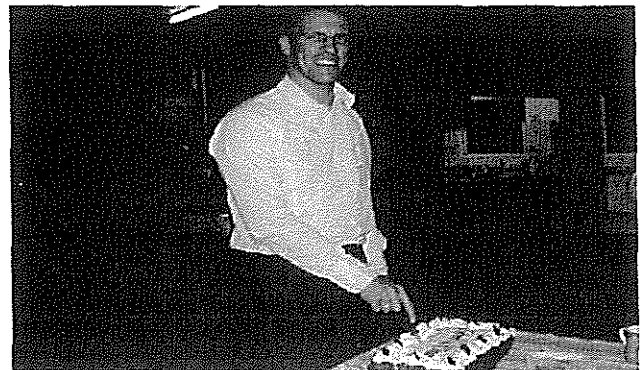
Jan Hay

Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking

and sings while it is still dark

An old Scandinavian saying.

SALAD BOWL SQUARES



The end of an era at Salad Bowl as we farewelled Jason Dean as Club caller after more than ten years, whilst welcoming Kay Walker to take over the reins.

Over three squares enjoyed an evening of laughs and dancing as Jason put us all through our paces for one final time with Kay also giving us a taste of what is to come in the future.

There was even a surprise visit from Warwick Armstrong who shared nearly 13 years with Jason running Criss Cross at Mt Gravatt.

The obligatory cake was cut as part of the farewell evening. The Club wishes Jason all the best for his future and we hope that we might catch up with him at a future dance somewhere.

Kay will start calling on Friday 2nd May at St James Anglican Hall, Station St. Wellington Point. The theme for the last Friday in May (May 30) is **Black & White**.

Chris Heyworth

Pine Rivers Senior Citizens

"May Montage"

Colour on Colour

7p.m. Saturday 31st. May

Cost \$5 which includes supper.

Kallangur Community Centre

Anzac Ave, Kallangur

For further info contact either Margaret 32852130
or Jan 33859947

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49th AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
5-9 JUNE 2008
Volunteers needed



It's just around the corner.....the square dance event of the year is almost here.
What does this mean? It means we need your help to make it all come together.

Thursday 5th June is set-up day.

Can You Help?

Decorations - both in the main venue and in the smaller venues at Smith Street, Cleveland, booths and other areas such as the meeting rooms in the main venue.

Marshalls - for the square dance sessions. A reminder that you must be able to dance the standard of the bracket you are marshalling in case you are required to fill a square.

Meeters and Greeters - people needed for meeting and greeting dancers and spectators (this also entails ensuring all dancers are wearing their convention ribbon and spectators have signed in upon entry).

Transport Drivers are required for the shuttle bus which will run between venues.
An "A" class license is all that is required.

Sound Equipment - people needed to assist with set up and ongoing monitoring of sound equipment in meeting rooms.
Tuesday 10th June is dismantle day. Volunteers will be needed to help with packing up both in the main venue and other venues at Smith Street, Cleveland.

If you are able to help, please contact convention Secretary,
Carole Mackinney on (07) 3343 3393 or
email: cbmackinney@bigpond.com

Tugun Twirlers

Even with the last few Wednesday nights being nice and fine our numbers are down and that is very disappointing.
All who attended the Club's 32nd Birthday dance had a very good night of dancing in the Tugun Progress Hall in Golden Four Drive. Gary is intending to commence a beginner's course after the National Convention.
The new Round dancers have been learning two step Dances.
The Flowers and Tree's night was colorful with different flowers on dresses and shirts.
The raffle prize for the night was a Bonsai Tree- very appropriate
Yours in dancing,
Corinne Bradshaw

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS ...

That Happy Trails Square Dance Club dances every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at **The Meals On Wheels Hall, cnr. Queen and Whitby Sts Southport, Gold Coast** to the calling of Peter Storey.
We have a nice air-conditioned hall with plenty of safe parking.
So far this year we have had "theme" dances for Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and St. Georges Day, where the dancers get into the spirit of things by dressing up and decorating the hall.
We sit down to a delightful morning tea brought by the dancers.
Dancing is Mainstream level with a Plus tip. Sounds like your idea of fun and friendship? Then you are most welcome to come and join us any Thursday morning.
For further information contact Peter / Elaine 07 3398 2325 or Bob 07 5528 6794.

Little Boy's Opinion

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book and noticed he had his collar on backwards.
The little boy asked why he wore his collar backwards.
The man, who was a priest, said 'I am a Father.'
The little boy replied 'My Dad doesn't wear his collar like that.'
The priest looked up from his book and answered 'I am the Father of many.'
The boy said 'My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way'
The priest, getting impatient, said 'I am the Father of hundreds' and went back to reading his book.
The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said,
'Maybe you should use a condom and wear your pants backwards instead of your collar!'

Found at S-BAR-B. Approximately a month ago a lady's sash that they wear when dancing the man's part. It is red ribbon with a special clip attach to it, if the owner would like it back please contact Marjorie on 3265 6865.

S-BAR-B Grand Finale Dance

With ten squares gracing the inside floor and two sets dancing outside the hall and many others observing the evening, more than one hundred and fifty dancers enjoyed the Grand Finale Dance of S Bar B Square Dancing at St. Barnabas Parish Hall in Ashgrove. It was a momentous occasion.

This club has been in existence some fifty four and a half years, by far the most consistently performing Square Dance club in Australia, and Graham Rigby has been the caller at this Club at this location for all those years.

S BAR B dances at the St. Barnabas Parish Hall in Ashgrove has been the origin of many innovative events in the Square Dancing life of Queensland and Australia. Fifty Rosebowl Competitions' trips to the Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba, picnics, thirty Gold Coast Summer Holiday Camps and many bus trips to National Conventions started from St. Barnabas Hall.

Graham was influential in starting the Queensland Conventions, first Australian Convention in Canberra in 1959, and has been the only caller to participate and call at all these events in all Conventions.

He and Jim White started the South Pacific Square Dance Review.

Graham has been the recipient of just about all awards that are available in the State and Australian Square Dancing movement.

Graham's dedication and assistance to square dancing all around Australia is well known. As one caller put it, "The foundation Graham put into Square Dancing made it what it is today".

Thanks to all the callers, cuers and dancers that made the evening of 11th of April 2008 so memorable. The S-Bar-B members have been outstanding with their help on the night and throughout the past years.

This Club went out on a high note and that is the way it should have been. A big thank you to Graham Rigby for his big contribution to square dancing in Queensland- what a history.

Hope to see Graham calling and dancing at other Square Dance Clubs.

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY Chug-a-Lug Cloggers

You are invited to our
21st Birthday Anniversary.

WHEN? SUNDAY 18th MAY, 2008

TIME? 9:30 am to 4 pm

WHERE? Red Cross Hall

**Newdegate Street, GREENSLOPES
(opposite Greenslopes Private Hospital)**

COME ALONG

**JOIN IN THE FUN, DANCING
& FELLOWSHIP**

FREE ADMISSION

**(Everyone, Cloggers & non-Cloggers, is
invited)**

**(Info: Frances 3391 6526
or Shirley 3398 9658)**

GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB inc.

**Pre Convention Dance
MS and Plus**

**Wednesday 7.30 P.M. 4th. June
Alexandra Hills Community Hall
Cnr. Windemere & Fincane Rds**

Just minutes by car or bus.

Bus information available

Calling 3408 8888

Arrangements to return to lodgings will be
organised at the dance.

Visiting Callers welcome.

More details available by ringing
Dawn 3824 2345

SHIRLEY KELLY RECEIVES THE SILVER SPUR AWARD.



CANE COUNTRY SQUARES.

Our 25th. Anniversary celebrations are over and we hope all who attended enjoyed the friendliness and fun with all our visiting and local callers giving us their best efforts.

Eleven callers were in action including Matthew, Michael Norm, and Peter, all trained by Shirley. Gina, another caller Shirley trained, sent her best wishes from for a successful weekend. Thanks also to our Round Dance cuer Bev.

We are looking forward to many more years of dancing. It was not hard to clock up 10,000 steps each day. Great exercise.

We had visitors from many districts all in Bundy to enjoy a busy program of dancing, either squares, rounds or clogging. Another feature of the weekend was a caller school. Bev's instructions for new round dancers was very helpful.

Guest callers Steve, Nev and Bill had us turning and twirling in unusual but interesting directions. Some of the dancers were seen on the on local TV news on Monday evening following the Celebrations.

Thank you callers, dancers, and all who assisted in making the celebrations a success. If you weren't in Bundy for the weekend you missed a great dancing opportunity.

We are starting a new learner's class with Matthew as trainer on 9th. May. We are hoping for a good attendance. Our newest main stream dancers are ready to join fully in the club's dance nights and they are become more confident.

The highlight of the celebrations for Shirley was being presented with "The Silver Spur Award", the highest award to be given by the Square Dancing Society of Queensland inc. This was presented by Alec Webster, President of the Society.

Congratulations Shirley; we think you are "special" too.

Pam Garson.

Australian Advanced Square Dance Association Dance

On Wednesday 4th June 2008
in the Pavilion at
The Sleeman Sports Complex,
Cnr Tilley & Old Cleveland Rds, Chandler

Time: 7.30.p.m. - Cost: \$8.00

A1	Richard Muir	A2	Jeff Seidel
A1	Allen Kerr	A1	Alan Evans
A2	Richard Muir	A1	Jeff Seidel
A2	Allen Kerr	A1	Alan Evans

C1 Jeff Seidel & Allen Kerr
(workshop if required)

SQUARE DANCE SHOES FOR SALE

The following sizes and colours of square dance shoes are for sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of these shoes, please contact Elaine on 3349 5339 or 0413 510 691.

Size 5 - 2 pairs, 1 pewter, 1 black;
Size 5½ - 1 pair, silver; Size 6½ - 1 pair, pewter;
Size 7½ - 2 pairs, 1 pewter, 1 black;
Size 8 - 2 pairs, 1 pewter, 1 black;
Size 8½ - 2 pairs, 1 silver, 1 black.

The cost is \$110.00 per pair and payment must be made by either cash or cheque.

HERVEY BAY SQUARE DANCE CLUB INC.

"Come to HERVEY BAY on your way
north after the June Convention"

A great Afternoon / Night is assured with

JASON DEAN

Plus	3.30 to 5.30pm	\$4
B.B.Q.	5.45pm	\$3
Mainstream	7-11pm	\$5

21st June, 2008

DanDinna House,
459 Boat Harbour Dr. Torquay
Supper - Raffle

Enquiries & RSVP Glenda 41253305
or Margaret 41942808

Caravan sites - Units - Cabins available at
Happy Wanderer Village
Ph 41251103 but be quick.