

The Banana Benders Bugle

MAY 2010



Visiting Chinese Square Dancers

In 2008, Faith and myself, Barbara and Frank Perkins, along with Pam and Bob Thompson were fortunate to dance with The Beijing "Smile" Square Dance Club. They put on a special party dance for us which we enjoyed immensely. So when we heard that some of their dancers were coming to visit Brisbane we wanted to do something for them to experience "Aussie Dancing".

Since last December, I have been corresponding with several Dancers whom we met. After several hiccups in their planning, a delegation of Chinese Square Dancers finally managed to visit Brisbane in April. As their schedule was very tight, they asked if we could organise a dance night for them on Saturday 10th April. Fortunately this night coincided with a "Logan Square Dance" night so we were able to combine their visit with the Logan Club Dance on 10th April.

Logan City Square Dance Club gratefully hosted the delegation and Alan Evans called for them. From the comments we have received, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience & we enjoyed dancing with them.

We thank the Logan Club for hosting these special visitors. We had a fun time despite not being able to communicate with them very much as only a few spoke very limited English. However "**FUN**" in Square Dancing is the same in any language.

David & Faith Pearce

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Very happy to report that Olive B. is going along quite comfortably.

A Club Leader with a heavy schedule, Olive has spent her time writing dances, doing her job as ACA cue sheet co-ordinator for Basic, Basic Plus & Easy Intermediate, and receiving and making lots of phone calls each day.

Best wishes from all the Cloggers across Australia, Olive.

The Brisbane City Hall 80th Anniversary celebrations recently held in King George Square went off very well, with most of the Cloggers who stepped out never having previously performed in public. Led by Dian G. they did our activity proud, and showed that the 50+ Club at 157 Ann Street has much to offer Cloggers every Monday morning. New dancers are still continuing to join us.

What a line-up of artists and entertainers has been organised for the Urban Country Music Festival in Caboolture on the 30th April and 1st, 2nd and 3rd of May! With both day and night entertainment (a lot of it free) plus Markets, there is much to enjoy, including Clogging, which will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with our Super Social Dance taking place on Sunday afternoon at the Caboolture Showgrounds, Beerburrum Road from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. This is an open invitation.

Admission is \$5.00 per dancer. Visitors, who will be invited to give Clogging a try, have free entry. Free cups of tea 'n' coffee. A plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea would be appreciated.

Chug-a-Lug's Birthday on Sunday the 16th of May looks like not only being another great day (from 9:30 am) of dancing, but a chance for Cloggers from other Clubs to renew old and make new friendships. Let's do it at Greenslopes as we celebrate Chug's 23rd Birthday! NOTE: All levels of dancing will catered for during the day.

The Get Rhythm Dance Team are still regularly practising for the many events and functions to which they have already been invited.

Best wishes always,

Frances

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CLOGGING DATES

30th April, 1st & 2nd May Urban Country Music Festival, Caboolture.

2nd May Clogging Super Social Dance 2pm-6pm, Caboolture Showgrounds.

16th May Chug-a-Lug's Birthday celebrations, Red Cross Hall, Newdegate St. Greenslopes from 9:30 am.

CARINA CAROUSELS

Are Celebrating 18 years of dancing

Thursday, 22nd July 1pm.

At 1 Edmond Street

Carina.

A plate for afternoon tea

Gumdale Grandsliders.

It's now 10 weeks since we returned from our Christmas recess. We got off to a slow start due to the hot weather. However, now that the weather has cooled down we are currently dancing 4 squares at our Mainstream workshop Tuesday mornings and up to 3 squares at the Plus workshop in the afternoon.

The attendance of our Wednesday Club dance has improved with up to 4 squares enjoying the evening.

The increase in numbers is due to new dancers who were recruited through newspaper ads and word of mouth. A total of 16 new club members have joined so far this year. Due to the numbers of dancers currently learning, we have decided not to take any more inexperienced dancers for the time being to allow our learners to achieve mainstream level.

If anyone would like to come to our Workshops on Tuesday to hone their skills, you are more than welcome, bring your lunch and sit around and have a chat. For further details 'phone Harold or Bev on 3207 3577.

Round Dance Corner - QRDA.

May Dance

The Allemander's Club "May Dance" will be held at the St. Agnes Church Hall on the 22nd May, starting at 7.30 pm. This is the club's "BIG" dance of the year and it is always a great night.

The program will cater for all levels of dancers, but will mainly be for club dancers—Ph. III to V. Paula and Warwick would like you to come and have a good night of dancing. Help with supper would be appreciated.

First Place

The 12th SA Round Dance Festival "Masquerade in Adelaide" over Easter was a great success. One part of the weekend is a competition for choreographers (have to be local) to present a new dance they have written for this weekend. The first place at the festival went to our own Paula and Warwick Armstrong with a Ph. IV Waltz: "The Moon For You". Second place was taken by Anne and Les Tulloch from S.A., third went to the Kennedys from New Zealand. Well done, Armstrongs, it is good to have such capable leaders in Queensland.

Valentine Rounds

will be holding their special dance for Newer Dancers again in June. It will be held at the Whites Hill College Hall on June 26th. and will commence at 7.30 pm. The programming for the night will be designed to make sure all our new dancers have a good time at their first BIG dance. All dancers will be catered for and this is usually one of the happier dances of the the year. Val and Ken can supply any additional information on 3275 1558.

SUNSHINE COAST SQUARE DANCE CENTRE

Our Open Day in March was a fantastic success and all groups who participated enjoyed their day. We now have a large new sign out the front of the hall - you can't miss it. Activities are full-on and plans for our 25th Anniversary are well in hand. We have already received many bookings for the August week-end, actually only a couple of powered sites remain. So get in early with your bookings and payment for your camp site. Sorry no money for the camp site - no booking. Unfortunately we had people who made bookings for Easter and didn't show and we had turned others away because we didn't have a site for them. Major road changes have occurred at the Centre - access is straight off the Motorway - and be careful of the road speed. It's only 40 km and the local police are regularly enforcing this.

Duties of Wives!

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties.

Terry had married a woman from America, and bragged that he had told his wife she needed to do all the dishes and housework. He said that it took a couple days but on the third day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away.

Jimmie had married a woman from Canada. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. He told them that the first day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better. By the third day, his house was clean, the dishes were done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married a Australian girl. He boasted that he told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, laundry and ironing twice a week, lawns mowed, windows cleaned and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye, just enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher, and call a handyman.

COME ONE, COME ALL

“Suncoasters” Celebrate their 40th Birthday.

SATURDAY 15TH MAY 2010

Square Dance Centre, Dixon Road, Buderim. Qld

WITH **Graham Elliott & Nev McLachlan**

Plus 2.00 pm till 5.00 pm Admission \$ 8.00 per person

Followed by a **FREE Barbecue Tea**

For Catering purposes please R.S.V.P by the 7th May
to Nev or Bev Phone (07) 5445 1238 or Email NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

Mainstream 7.30 - 10.30 pm Rounds at 7.00 pm with Bev

Admission \$ 8.00 per person SUPPER provided

To my strange-minded friends:

Eonverye taht can raed tihs rsaie yuor hnad..

Only **great minds** can read this. This is weird, but interesting!

fi yuo cna raed tihs, yuo hvae a sgtrane mnid too. Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can raed tihs.

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SUNCOASTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

What a busy last couple of months. We held our annual Easter Festival and it was a great week-end. Howard, Mike and Nev did a fantastic job and kept the dancers very busy and their minds very active. Even caught a few dancers out with their anticipation of what was to come. - hey George??

The weather was kind to us though a bit warm for the Victorians. The 3 days on the houseboat for Mike, Lorraine, Howard, Brenda, Nev and Bev were fantastic and gave them all a good break ready for the next few months. A big thank you to Gene for helping out at the Dance on Tuesday and Wednesday following Easter. The dancers had a fantastic time and can't wait for your return.

We have done a lot of newspaper advertising and letter box drops for our introductory class and the new intake for 2010. Results are never as good as you would hope but we did get inquiries and hopefully they will continue and join our happy square dance family.

Plans are going very well for the Ball in May and tickets are almost sold out. Get in quick if you want to come to an "Old Time Ball" dressing up in your good attire - cocktail dress.

Our next major function is our 40th Birthday celebrations with Graham Elliott. Graham and Dawn are looking forward to their return visit and are even coming to the Ball. See the advertisements in this month's Bugle for complete details.

We always hold a dance on the 5th Saturday of the month and we always have a theme night. But we couldn't decide on a theme for this month so we have decided on "May Madness"- come in fancy dress - the madder the better! Once again see the advertisements in this Bugle for complete details. Hope you can join us - we are looking forward to see what your imagination comes up with.

CENTRE CLOGGERS are still clogging along and have received enquiries from a couple of new interested ladies. We meet every Wednesday night at 6.00 pm and are slowly, and with a lot of fun, proceeding through the Convention list.

News from Bundaberg – CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Our Club's 27th Birthday Dinner at Burnett Bowls Club was well attended with dancing back at the Hall following our meal. There is a good feeling when we have three sets dancing most nights now which includes our very keen learners. Many of them also attend Shirley's Thursday afternoon dancing as well as Friday nights. They are progressing very well with the extra practice and still having fun at the same time.

Our AGM will be held on Friday 30th April after a shorter night of dancing. We will let you know the results of the Election of Officers after the event.

We are all looking forward to the Annual "Dance for Heart" to be held in May with a continuous raffle in between dancing brackets. There are usually lots of draws in the raffle due to the number of prizes on the tables.

Pam Garson

50 Plus Square Dancing

Tuesdays 10.00 am – 12 noon.

Brisbane City Council Building
3rd. Floor 157 Ann St. Brisbane.

Beginners welcome.

Mainstream and Learning Plus.

Caller: Kay Walker.

Tickets: \$6.00

Sorry about the mix up of page references in the calendar last month. I had to move things around to 'fit' other things in and then had to add other pages to do the job. Things ended up like a quiz for readers.

SUNCOASTERS ROUNDS:

With Bev attending TAFE Classes on a Tuesday night, Paul Green has stepped in to run the Tuesday night class. Following all the promotion for the Open Day at the Centre and the letter box drop carried out by Suncoasters' members, 12 new couples have turned up to learn to Cha and Rumba. Hope we can keep them - they are enjoying it.

Happy Trails Square Dance Club

Thursday: 9.00am – 11.30am

At Senior Citizens Hall
Cnr. Queen Street & Whitby Street, SOUTHPORT

Caller Peter Storey

Thursday: 27th May 2010



Pirate's Day or 'P' Day

Come dressed as a pirate or something starting
with 'P'

A plate would be appreciated

A CATHOLIC HEART ATTACK

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his treatment.

She asked, 'Do you have health insurance?' He replied in a raspy voice, 'No health insurance.'

The nun asked, 'Do you have money in the bank?'

He replied, 'No money in the bank.'

The nun asked, 'Do you have a relative who could help you?'

He said, 'I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun.'

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, 'Nuns are not spinsters!

Nuns are married to God.'

The patient replied, 'Then send the bill to my brother-in-law.'

BAR K CIRCLE W Yes we are still meeting, not at our own dance venue, but we try and make a club visit on a monthly basis and a social outing during the month also. Our 36th birthday party in February. A group visit with Wavell Whirlaways in March. A ten pin bowling night and a club visit to Suncoasters in April. In May we will once again make a club visit to Suncoasters to help them celebrate their 40th birthday on the 15th, and on the 30th we will have a club social picnic at Clontarf.



CAN'T PICK A THEME - NEITHER CAN WE - SO WE ARE HAVING A
MAY MADNESS DANCE = Saturday 29th May 2010

Come in FANCY DRESS =

anything goes the Madder the Better

to the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Buderim .

Rounds at 7.00 pm Squares at 7.30 pm

All enquires to Nev & Bev McLachlan

Phone (07) 5445 1238 or Email NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

Cost \$ 6.00 per person - a plate for supper would be appreciated.



SALAD BOWL SQUARES IS A MAIN-STREAM AND PLUS CLUB THAT MEETS ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AT WELLINGTON POINT. For details see <http://www.kaysclubs.com>



The Square Dancers of Rockhampton
On behalf of the Queensland Callers' Association

Presents

30th Old State Square Dance Convention
August 20, 21, 22, 2010

Central Queensland University, Community Sports Centre,
Bruce Highway, Nth Rockhampton, 4701.
Running 2 Venues:- Venue 1 Sports Centre.
Venue 2 Outdoor Basketball Courts.

LAST MINUTE SPECIAL
UNTIL 19TH MAY 2010
\$55.00
(WEEKEND TICKETS)

ALL ENQUIRIES: *Rachelle Mills*
Ph 0749286626 or Mob 0428761244
Email: shellmick07@optusnet.com.au
POSTAL ADDRESS: 25 Pummell Street,
Norman Gardens, Nth Rockhampton. Qld. 4701

SALAD BOWL SQUARES – MAY 2010

Dancing has been underway for several months with numbers fairly stable at 2 squares plus, with dancers thoroughly enjoying the varied programme provided by Kay. It keeps us all guessing and thinking. The club starts at 7.30pm this year with our beginner class now hard at it learning Plus.

This month's theme night (gone by the time The Bugle gets to print) understandably will have an Anzac theme, whilst May's theme is based around our Square Dancing roots – Country and Western.

Salad Bowl Squares turns 40 this year – as far as we can establish – and we hope to have some Club and Square Dance history on display when we celebrate on Friday August 27 and have a 1970's theme. Just a reminder that we dance Mainstream/Plus every Friday night at Wellington Point.

Chris Heyworth.

Never predict anything Chris. It usually never comes out that way. NM

Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre's 25th Anniversary Dance August 6th- 8th 2010 Featuring **Jerry Jestin** from the USA

DANCE TICKET PRICES

Mainstream ONLY \$ 20.00

Mainstream & Plus \$ 35.00

Full Week-end \$ 40.00

Session \$ 8.00 Each Session
available at the door

PROPOSED PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY	7.30 pm	Welcome Dance (MS)
SATURDAY	10.00 am – Noon	Advanced Dance
	1.00 - 4.00 pm	Plus with Rounds
	7.00 - 7.45 pm	Rounds
	7.45 - 10.30 pm	Mainstream
	10.30 pm	After Party
SUNDAY	10.00 am – Noon	Plus Dance
	1.00 - 4.00 pm	MS with Rds
	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Advanced Dance

BOOK & PAY EARLY - limited powered sites available for your 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, Or write PO Box 248 Buderim 4556,

Email NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com

DANCER RECRUITMENT

THE ANSWER IS VERY SIMPLE-
A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE!!

How is this achieved? I hear you ask. Easy.

HER MAJESTY'S PRISONS. The inmates would be pleased with the diversion from boredom. Females dance as men already, so that won't be hard to get going. In the men's Prison, things may prove a little difficult at first, but just remind the 'participants' of those good ole Western movies where men danced with one another and had a great time. Maybe in the future you could convince the Prison Authorities to mix men and women at the dances- that would provide more Squares than available floor room.

CHILD MINDING CENTRES & PREP SCHOOLS. This could be the most successful of all with Mums and Dads (or Grandy and Nan) coming along and helping. What a way to get interest in Square Dancing, with everyone having a great time. And kids being kids, they would want to be doing it at home as well.

RETIREMENT VILLAGES. Put out a few bottles of a nice chilled Chardonnay and heat up a few sausage rolls and they would knock you over in the rush. Without being disrespectful, why not wheelchair dancing? It is already being done on a limited scale, so let's extend it.

HALF TIME AT THE FOOTBALL. Offer a stubbie and a meat pie to all 'tryers' and you would be crash-tackled by eager prospective hoedowners. They may not remember much of what they did, it would be all over in 15 minutes, we would get fantastic media coverage, and they all would have a great time!

ROSIES. Rosies, in case you didn't know, travel around the inner city suburbs in a van offering a cup of tea (teabags) or a coffee (spoon measure) and a biscuit to those who lack much contact with other people, due mainly to their desperate financial situation. Just think of the response (something akin to the heart-warming success of Choir of Hard Knocks). There would be no problem getting Local and State Government support, with businesses happy to help as a community effort. Putting on displays, touring the country, our own television series on the ABC. We could call ourselves **'SQUARING UP TO LIFE.'**

I feel good just thinking about it.

No doubt other readers of the BUGLE will come up with some great ideas too.
NO IDEA SHOULD BE DISCARDED UNTIL THE SQUARE DANCING COMMUNITY HAS HAD A CHANCE TO HEAR ABOUT IT. Let's get going!!

ROY (Some of you will know who I am).

I hereby give the Editor of the Bugle permission to print this letter **with my name attached. Thank You.**

ATTENTION: DISCOUNTED TICKETS
PRIOR TO 19 MAY 2010

30TH Queensland State Square Dance
Convention

20-22 August 2010 Rockhampton

Qld Square Dancing Events

MAY

- 8 Logan City Square Dancers Inc**
Saturday Dance. 7.30 -
161a Magnesium Drive, Crestmead
Enq: Jane 3299 7717
Feature Caller: Margaret Baines
A supper plate would be appreciated.
- 11 Gumdale Grandsliders**
Mothers Day Tuesday 10-12
A plate would be appreciated.
- 15 Suncoasters 40th Birthday**
See Ad
- 27 Happy Trails Square Dance Club**
Pirates or "P" Day
(Thurs) 9:00 – 11:30am M/S & Plus
Senior Citizens Hall,
Cnr Queen & Whitby Sts, Southport
Caller: Peter Storey
Enq: Elaine: elle.shaw@bigpond.com
Come dressed as Pirates or something
starting with "P".
- 29 Pine Rivers 5th Saturday Dance**
Senior Citizens' Club Inc. 7:00 – 10:30
Pine Rivers Senior Citizens' Club, 1480
Anzac Ave, Kallangur
Basic, MS, Plus
Caller: Margaret Baines 3285 2130
Theme: Country & Western
Jan 3385 9947 jan4910@gmail.com

10-14 Jun 51st Australian National Square
Dance Convention 2010

Wodonga, Victoria www.twenty10.net.au

SD Events: To have events listed on the
Events page please contact:
Barbara O'Connor (vk4gtx@bigpond.com)

Logan News

Logan City Square Dance Centre has been operating for 6 years now and is recognised as a venue to cater for a variety of activities. So, what's on in Logan? Take a look...

Square dancing weekly sessions:

Monday nights Basics
Thursday mornings Plus
Thursday nights A level
Friday nights Alan's Allemanders Square

Dance Club Monthly sessions:

2nd Saturday (night) Mainstream (with a little Plus) Dance with a guest caller.

Round dancing Weekly:

Tuesday nights Catering for learners and experienced round dancers.

Other activities:

Saturday mornings Little Kickers childrens' activity group (commencing 5th June)

Sunday mornings Fisherman's Net Christian Fellowship Church group

As well as these regular bookings, the Hall is often booked for private functions such as parties and even the odd wedding reception. For the past three years Logan City Square Dancers has organised an annual Expo. day featuring products sold via party plan including linen, clothes, cosmetics, jewellery and scrapbooking to name just a few. This year the format will be changed to an Open day with a fete-like atmosphere.

The association also conducts regular sausage sizzles at Bunnings Browns Plains store to help raise funds towards the upkeep of the Centre and promotion of Square Dancing in Logan.

To maintain a hall, there is always work to do and regular working bees are held throughout the year to keep the hall and grounds clean and tidy. Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Committee extends sincere thanks to the willing workers who give of their time to help keep the hall "ship-shape".

Our annual Anniversary dance with a feature caller is always a great start to the Square Dance year and is well attended. So...what's on in Logan??...Lots!! Feel free to visit some time.

Continued next column.

A new event this year is a Plus/A level weekend on 24th/25th July featuring the talents of callers Alan Evans and Kay Walker. (See advertisement this issue). It is hoped this also will become an annual event.

We now have our own Blog containing information relevant to the Centre. Check it out on www.lcsd.bigblog.com.au

Logan City Square Dancers Inc

presents

Plus and A Level Weekend

24th-25th July 2010

Featuring Callers

Alan Evans

and

Kay Walker

Logan City Square Dance Centre
161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon (session 1) 1pm - 3pm A Level workshop
(session 2) 3pm - 5pm Plus workshop

Saturday night (session 3) 7pm rounds
7.30pm Plus dancing including
2 A level brackets

Sunday afternoon (session 4) 3pm - 5pm A Level dancing
Sunday night (session 5) 6pm - 9pm Plus dancing

Cost;

Afternoon sessions \$6.00 ea. Evening sessions \$8.00 ea.

Full weekend ticket \$30.00 ea.

Hall will remain open between afternoon and evening sessions.
Feel free to bring a basket tea. Showers available.

Enquiries phone Jane Rayner 3299 7717

Email cysquare@optusnet.com.au

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes " says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know, five, six, maybe seven times.....just put me down for a five."



51st Australian National Square Dance Convention

Wodonga, Victoria is the place to visit in June 2010.

The National Square Dance Convention
will be held from 10th to 4th June
in the Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre,
Hedgerow Court, Wodonga

Please address all correspondence to:

The Acting Secretary, 51st ANSDC, PO Box 8113,
TARNEIT, VIC. 3029 - AUSTRALIA
secretary@twenty10.net.au

Expressions of interest and information via website: www.twenty10.net.au

Honesty is the best policy, but insanity always makes for a better defense!

The Irish Priest

Father O'Malley rose from his bed. It was a fine spring day in his new Texas Mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this: "Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Mary's. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn. Would ye be so kind as to send a couple o' yer lads to take care of the matter?" Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied with a smirk, "Well now father, it was always my impression that you people took care of last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Father O'Malley then replied: "Aye, tis certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin."

A fleeing Taliban, desperate for water, was plodding along through the Afghanistan desert when he saw something far of fin the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the object, only to find a little old Jewish man at a small stand selling ties.

The Taliban asked "Do you have water?"

The Jew replied "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5".

The Taliban shouted "IDIOT! I do not need an overpriced tie. I need WATER! I should kill you, but I must find water first."

"OK". said the old Jew. "It does not matter that you do not want to buy a tie and that you hate me. I will show you that I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the East for about two miles, you will find a lovely restaurant. It has all the ice cold water you need. Shalom".

Muttering, the Taliban staggered away over the hill. Several hours later he staggered back.

"Your **** brother won't let me in without a tie".