

The Banana Benders BUGLE

May 2012



THANK YOU

We, Graham and Margaret Brandon, modestly and sincerely thank the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc., and all individual Square Dancers, for the Honour extended to us in being awarded the "Silver Spur Award". The award was presented at the AGM Dance for participation and involvement to "selfishly" gain extreme enjoyment with and THROUGH all our wonderful Square Dance friends and the activity in total.

We commenced Square Dancing in 1972, and in that first year we realised that Square Dancing provided much of

our needs and enjoyment with physical and mental exercise, but more importantly a continuing supply of new and long time friends and friendships with wonderful people.

During our Square Dancing years we have had the privilege and Honour to be Caller Couple for five Clubs and still calling for one, the Carina Carousels. One Club in particular, "The Montrose Wheelers" who were crippled children dancing in wheel chairs, was an outstanding experience. These children danced at the Australian National Convention in Brisbane, June 1979. They had only been learning for three months but could dance the fifty basic moves.

We have represented Australia, dancing and calling at five Canadian National Conventions, including one on the lawns of Parliament House in Ottawa and one at the Calgary Stampede. Other activities in Canada were four British Columbia Square Dance Jamborees in Penticton, British Columbia; In the US of A, we were involved in three events including their 25th National and State Conventions. We were involved in New Zealand, and naturally the Australian National and State Conventions.

We have been a Committee couple in many instances, ranging from Club VP to President, and VP one year and President seven years of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland.

We have been National Tour Liaison couple for the 1979, Convenor Couple 1979, A Convenor Couple for the 23rd. National Convention 1982 plus Square Dance Expovention 1988: Yes, the Expovention in Brisbane.

Has all this happened in forty years? WOW!

We can only say THANK YOU Square Dance Friends, for we had to be chosen and voted into the positions to work with the Committees, the Friends and the Square Dancers in total.

To you all we say THANK YOU for the opportunity to participate and be involved in this wonderfully healthy and friendly activity.

We need one another to enjoy ourselves, for without one another there wouldn't be the opportunity or the need to do those things. In every Square Dance there are eight people- you and seven others, and each one of them need you as much as you need them.

The Bugle:-

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Gold Coast Cloggers and Leader Diana put on a morning of sunshine with the recent celebration of their 10th Anniversary. It was great to be part of the friendly, fun atmosphere. A certain person was carried away with the cooking efforts of a couple of talented Club members, and is hoping for a repeat serving at CHUG'S DAY on the 19th May (nudge, nudge, wink, wink).

The GET RHYTHM DANCE TEAM stepped out for another well received performance for our PROBUS Club friends.

Even though GET RHYTHM are not eligible to enter this year's SENIOR SUPERSTAR Contest having won last year, you are encouraged to come along to this year's auditions at South Bank (beside the restaurants at the Melbourne Street end) on Saturday 12th May. Starting at 9 a.m. (free entry), maybe there are some Stars in the making amongst the BUGLE'S readers. It is a good morning's entertainment.

The URBAN COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL will be bigger than big, and we are thrilled to once again be asked to be part of it.

The Festival gets underway on Friday 4th May, and the Cloggers will be there on both Saturday and Sunday with fun-time beginners' classes both morning and afternoon.

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

We have a couple of new, very enthusiastic dancers as well as retraining some of our ladies as "left hand" dancers. Where have all the men gone? There are a few of our dancers who have been regulars for many, many years, but have had health problems which have kept them from the dance floor this year. We wish them well in their recovery and hope that they will be able to rejoin us when they are able.

It has been a long time but our next 5th Saturday dance is on the 30th June. We would love to see you there.

Happy Dancing

Jan

You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re reading the last one.

The Sunday night Social Dance, in the Stanmore Hall, will start at 6 p.m. and finish at 9:30 p.m.

PARKING for the Sunday night Dance **ONLY** will be available in the Historical Village Car Park in front of the hall, with entry from the northern end, off Beerburum Road. Ignore any NO ENTRY signs as we have been given permission to access it on Sunday night- it isn't a public road.

CABOOLTURE! HERE WE COME!!

Love the response to the open invitation to all Cloggers, families and friends to be at the Red Cross Hall, Newdegate Street, opposite Greenslopes Private Hospital on Saturday 19th May for CHUG'S ANNIVERSARY DAY. 25 big ones have come and gone for this long-established Club.

So.... we will throw the doors open at 9 for a 9:30 start, and dance all levels until fourish.

Entry is FREE. A plate of eaties would be appreciated for the breaks.

Join In: Have Fun: Go Clogging.

Frances

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SUNCOASTERS

We had some very welcome visitors at Suncoasters' 5th Saturday dance in March, and after some discussion at a recent Committee meeting, we decided that as expenses for dancers just keep increasing, we should try to set up a home-stay billet system. We hope this may lead to an increase of visitors, and hopefully lead to reciprocal arrangements with other Clubs.

APHORISM: A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE THAT EXPRESSES A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

If a person doesn't have a sense of humour, that person probably doesn't have any sense at all.

CARINA CAROUSELS ARE 20 YEARS OLD.

PLEASE CELEBRATE WITH US.

SENIORS HALL

1 EDMUND STREET, CARINA.

1PM. THURSDAY

12TH. JULY, 2012.

A PLATE FOR AFTERNOON TEA WOULD BE WELCOME.

Burleigh Square Dance Club – Gold Coast

Over the past few months we have had several new dancers participate in our regular Saturday night of Square Dancing. Alan Evans was not able to be with us Saturday 21st April; therefore Andrew Reid was our Caller. I did feel sorry for Andrew: at one stage I thought he was going to fall off the stage, he was laughing so much at some of our mistakes (yours truly being among them). It was a great night and we had a lot of fun.

Alan and Andrew intersperse the evening with both learning brackets with workshops for mainstream and plus. This gives us all the occasional “sit down and have a chat” time out. It is pleasing to see so many of our more experienced dancers asking newer dancers to partner them for the next bracket.

While I have the chance, please mark in your diary the 21st July 2012. This is the date for our Club Birthday (24th) night. The theme being a **Masked Ball**, so get out your Glad Rags and the Bling. Come and join us for what is shaping up to be a fantastic night.

Until we see you on the dance floor, stay safe, and keep on dancing.

Sue Mackley

Secretary – Burleigh Square Dance Club – Gold Coast

REMINDER – Various QCA Callers will be calling at Logan City Square Dance Centre on 12th May

The Queensland Callers' Association will be holding their 2nd Quarterly General Meeting, followed by a training session, on Saturday 12th May starting at 10 am.

Dancers, please mark in your diary the 12th May and come along and support your Callers at the Logan City Square Dance Centre, located at 161a Magnesium Drive, Crestmead.

Dancing will start around 7.30pm

Please come along and support the callers, they put a lot of hours into training and developing their skills, so that we can do what we love to do: that is, Square Dance.

From one Square Dancer to another, lets get behind our Callers and encourage them and the trainee Callers. After all, we are the ones that benefit from their skills.

Sue Mackley

Secretary Burleigh Square Dance Club & Secretary to the QCA

Lexiphile (i.e., "lovers of words" you know....like....you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish).

To write with a broken pencil is... pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes... take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar... got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles,... U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes... was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out... free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married.... They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a... dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist... you can get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name.... and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you.... A-flat miner.

When you've seen one shopping center... you've seen a mall..

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. MAY 2012

The Society Committee has been very busy since being elected in March this year and we are looking forward to the coming year.

Some of the Society Executive will be attending the 34th North Queensland Square Dance Convention in Cairns on 4-7 May 2012, hosted by Ulysses Squares. We are looking for to catching up with the North Queensland dancers and attending the Delegates Meeting on Sunday, 6 May.

On our return from Cairns, we will be preparing for a Society Management Committee Meeting on 20 May at Margaret Baines' home at 8 Galvin Street, Lawnton. If any member is interested in attending the Management Committee Meeting on 20 May, please contact Margaret on 3285 2130 for catering purposes.

If there are any clubs wishing to report on their past events in the Australian Square Dance Review, please contact me on ljbloomfield1@optushome.com.au and I will included these events in my President's Report. Until next time,

Leighton Bloomfield
President
Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

PUBLICITY REPORT – MAY 2012

To assist clubs with advertising in the Australian Square Dance Review, the Society invites all Queensland square dance clubs to submit a brief description of their upcoming event in no more than 40 words – *no photographs, please*. This will be a **free** service. To try to accommodate everyone, if your advertisement exceeds 40 words, it may not be included. Your advertisement should be sent to me by 24th of the month to: -

ljbloomfield1@optushome.com.au

Advertisements received by 24th May will appear in the July Review.

Leighton Bloomfield
Publicity & Promotions Officer
Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS

What a year we have had. Beginning a dance class in conjunction with Sunshine Squares in February, over ninety people on the first night. This has tapered down to around sixty on most nights and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. We have even welcomed back some Square Dancers from long ago.

Wavell also celebrated its 43rd birthday only a few short days before helping to run the AGM dance in March. A great night for all who attended. We have had a lot of dancers away on trips with some only just getting back now.

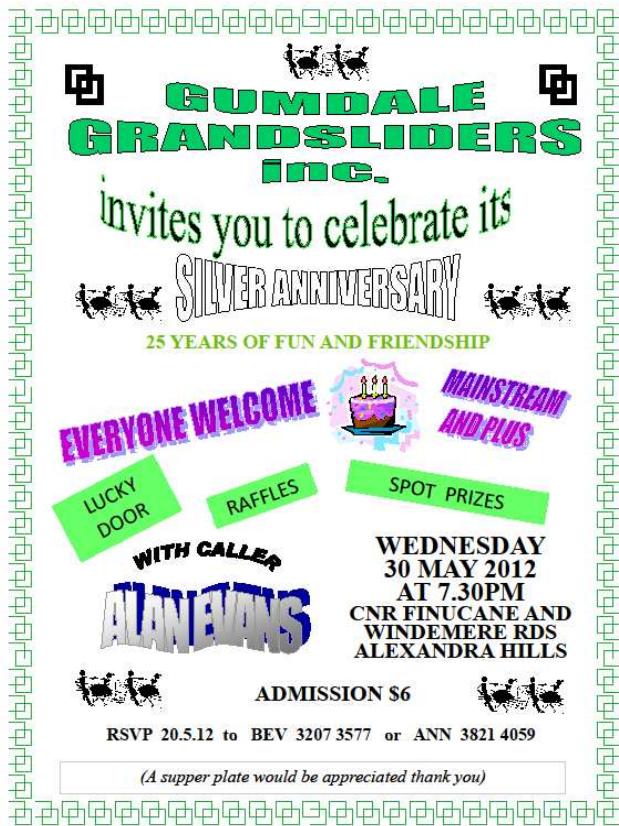
We welcome back to Wavell, Margaret and Michael and Lee and Robert who have been missing from our Dance family for too long. How many more dancers can we welcome back to the family this year?

June and Margaret

In the last Bugle I wrote that the Annual Reports would be out in a few days. I then found out that the Society was about to circulate this information to all members. Hence, I pulled in my head.

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HERVEY BAY SQUARE DANCE CLUB

What glorious weather we are experiencing here in Hervey Bay! It makes you feel like dancing. Our learners too have settled into their new routine: some come twice a week using the second session to consolidate. Looks like we'll have 7 stayers, so we're happy. Having the Saturday morning session has also brought back previous dancers who could no longer attend on the Thursday. It is great to have better numbers again.

Gary Petersen was our guest Caller in April and as always with Gary, we were put through our paces and had a terrific time dancing. The Happy Hippie Theme brought in some interesting characters and made for lots of jokes and laughter. Gary's visit brought along several visitors, Steve and Margaret from Bundaberg, and Erin and Merv from the Gold Coast (well, maybe they are also from Hervey Bay). Lovely to have your company, thank you for making the journey!

Our next social is a Pancake night in May: it is publicised as a Club night, but as usual everybody is welcome. The pancakes are created fresh on the premises, made to order and while you wait, or make your own if you're fussy.

Wife texts husband on a cold winters morning
"Windows frozen"

Husband texts back, "pour some luke warm water over it"

Wife texts back "computer completely stuffed now"

Rocky Twirlers and Capricorn Waves Presents

Jeff Seidel (South Australia)

20th - 22nd July 2012

ROCKHAMPTON SQUARE DANCE CENTRE
CORNER OF FITZROY & KENT STREET, ROCKHAMPTON

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 10am - 4pm FULL DAY CALLERS SCHOOL (BYO LUNCH)

FRIDAY NIGHT - 7pm to 10pm MAINSTREAM & PLUS

SATURDAY - 9am to 12noon CALLERS SCHOOL - PRACTICAL

1pm to 4pm PLUS & ADVANCED ("A" DEPENDING ON NUMBERS)

SATURDAY NIGHT - 7pm to 10.30pm ROUNDS,

MAINSTREAM, PLUS

SUNDAY - 10am to 12.30pm ANYTHING GOES

1pm BBQ LUNCH

SUPPER LUCKY DOOR RAFFLES

ADMISSION: WEEKEND TICKETS \$35
SESSION TICKETS \$10

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
MICHAEL MILLS ON 0408 703 910 OR
BEVAN TITMARSH ON 0428 870 338

ALL CALLERS PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL TO
REGISTER FOR THE CALLERS SCHOOLS ON PHONE OR
EMAIL mgmills07@optusnet.com.au

Yes, we still dance as well, and play games in between. Holding these social nights not only strengthens our Club and provides some extra funds for Callers, but they are always lots of fun. Anything goes (almost!)

The 2012 Qld State Convention registrations have been rolling in from people trying to beat the Early Bird special, which ended 30th April (if you were really quick, eg on-line, you could still squeeze in, don't tell the Registrar I told you). The numbers are looking very good and we have an awesome roll up of Callers. The Halls are paid up, the decorations are being created at this very moment and the caterers are on notice. The only place to go to this year for a spectacular whale of a time would have to be Hervey Bay on the new Queen's Birthday Weekend! But you don't have to wait till September, come and join us any time you're out this way. You'll be made welcome and you're assured of having an enjoyable time.

Check our website
www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au for session times and Convention info.

Keep well, and happy dancing everyone.
Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.



SALAD BOWL SQUARES Theme Night

THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN



Caller
Kay Walker
MS/PLUS

FRIDAY, 25th MAY 2012
7:30 pm – 9:30pm

St James Anglican Church Hall
17-19 Station Street
Wellington Point




*A plate for supper
would be appreciated*

Admission: \$6.00
*Enquiries to
Bev 3286 2260 or
Terri 3829 2909*

TAIGUM TWIRLERS

Well, what a great start to the beginners' course at Taigum. We had around ninety dancers on the first night. Most have stayed and are enjoying learning Square Dancing, Line Dancing and Old Time Dance as well. The floor is full for every dance.

What started out as a beginners' course has fast become a Club. A badge has been designed with most dancers now wearing them. We have had a few dancers return to Square Dancing after receiving flyers in their mail boxes.

They are even going through their wardrobes and bringing out skirts and petticoats that have not seen the light of day for a long time. Welcome back to all. Others are buying skirts and petticoats.

We have only missed one night, that being the State Election and also the AGM Dance. We are having to change halls this month for one night due to the Council election, but all will return to normal after this.

On Easter Saturday we had a sausage sizzle and Easter Bonnet Parade. What a great collection of hats. Best hats won by Ros and Peter. Looking forward to our Country and Western Night this week. Sid and Lynette you are doing a great job- keep up the good work.

June

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Our most recent activity was our 29th Birthday, which we celebrated with a Meal at Across the Waves, followed by a night of dancing, and the presentation of certificates to our Learners for completing their course.

We also celebrated Black Friday with a dance, where we all came dressed in black, and we had some competitions as well.

Our AGM was held on 20th April, and our new Office Bearers are as follows:

Director and Co-Caller:	Shirley Kelly
Caller:	Matthew Mills
Secretary:	Phyllis Shaw
Treasurer:	Lorraine Weston
Secretary/Treasurer Assist:	Margi Unsworth
Publicity:	Averil Brookes
Kitchen Convenors:	Pam Garston, Margaret Ryan
	Averil Brookes
	Cane Country Squares

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@bigpond.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 Workshop 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

1st Rounds 7.00 pm
Saturday Mainstream 7.30 pm

3rd 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

QLD Square Dancing Events - May 2012

5 Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club

2.30pm Plus 7pmM/S

Guest Caller: David Smythe Maureen 4121 7407

12 LCSDI Saturday Dance 7.30pm

Guest Callers from Qld Callers' Association Jane 3299 7717

18 Cane Country Squares, Bundaberg – “Dance for Heart” 7pm

Caller: Matthew Mills Shirley Phone 41592308

19 Suncoasters SD Club – 42nd Birthday 7pm Rounds, 7.30 Squares

Enq: Nev & Bev McLachlan (07) 5445 1238

21 Town & Country Squares Birthday Dance 7.30 – 10pm Monday

Glebe Rd Uniting Church, Glebe Rd (Cnr Eileen St), Booval

Enq: Noel & Merle McKenzie 3714 9917, 0417 616 572

25 Salad Bowl Squares - “Circus Comes To Town” 7.30pm

Caller: Kay Walker Bev 3286 2260

26 Hervey Bay SD Club Dance – Pancake Night 6-9.30pm

squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com

29 EZ Squares Caboolture Dance – “For Richer or Poorer” 7.30 FREE Entry

CT Williams Hall Caboolture Showground, Beerburum Rd.

Enq: Kaye Clouston 0438 142 204

30 Gumdale Grandsliders’ Inc. Silver Anniversary Dance 7.30pm

Caller: Alan Evans Enq: Harold 3207 3577

7-11 Jun 53rd Australian National Square Dance Convention Hobart, TAS

www.squaredance.org.au

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service,

'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

RAMBLING 8S CAMP PARTICIPANTS.



RAMBLING EIGHTS

Caller: David Pearce

With the heat of summer easing off the conditions are so much better for dancing in the evenings. Every month there is a birthday or anniversary to celebrate, but we make a little bit more fuss when someone has a special year to celebrate – ie a ‘zero’ birthday. In April we celebrated Mary Wright’s Zero Birthday with cake, helium balloon, and an individually made card signed by Club members, who also made an effort to bring something extra nice for supper.

Strangely, so far this year we have no new beginners. This means David can pay more attention to consolidating the mainstream moves for last year’s graduates. The results are starting to show, with more confidence and conviction in their execution of figures. The gap between our ‘easy mainstream’ and ‘full mainstream’ brackets is quickly closing.

We all wish a speedy recovery for Leon, who had an unfortunate DIY accident at home. Also, our commiserations for Teresa who has had to care for him during his recuperation and rehabilitation. We hope to see you both back dancing soon.

Kevin Lucas will also be absent from the dance floor while recovering from surgery. Hopefully he will be okay by the time he and Christine get to Tassie for the National, along with David, Faith and other Club dancers. The change in climate will certainly be noticeable.

With a large number of our Club members being retirees or grey nomads, our numbers can fluctuate greatly, so it is especially appreciated when people make the effort to support the Club and Caller as much as possible. It’s not about how good a dancer you are, but if you have a smile on your dial, are willing to give it a go and have fun, you are always welcome.

Happy dancing.

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

SQUARE DANCE

7.00 PM SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2012

1480 ANZAC AVE. KALLANGUR

BASIC - MAINSTREAM - PLUS -

COST
\$6.00
INCLUDING
SUPPER

SOFT DRINKS
ON SALE
\$1.00

PJ'S NIGHT WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE NIGHTWEAR

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLES

MARGARET

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No BIRTHDAY

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