

The Banana Benders Bugle

November 2008

Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

Society Christmas Party

22nd. November 2008

Cavendish Road High School Hall

Cnr. Cavendish & Holland Roads

(UBD Ref. 180 R 12)

Parking behind High School

(Entry to car park off Holland Road)

Rounds 7.00 pm.—7.30pm.

Squares 7.30pm.—10.30pm.

Supper 10.30pm

Supper, Tea & Coffee provided

Admission: Dancers \$10.00 Students \$5.00

Family \$25.00

Santa is Coming

Callers & Cuers considering to be programmed please contact David Pearce

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CLUB NEWS

Somehow this article was not included in last month's Bugle. Apologies to Suncoasters.
Noel M.

SUNCOASTERS - BUDERIM

Spring is in the air.....!! Actually I think we have skipped Spring and slipped straight into Summer with glorious sunny days and balmy evenings - wonderful dancing weather. Our Spring social was a hot dog night. Those attending relished their li'l doggies garnished with lashings of everything in sight. I think square dancers must develop a cast iron constitution to survive what some folk managed to eat on that night. It was loads of fun and lots of laughs.

Our Tuesday nighters are doing really well and have just completed the official Callerlab 'basic' list. We are looking forward to our combined mainstream/basic Saturday night on October 4th to introduce our beginners to their extended family of square dancers. Monday nights continue to see four squares of plus dancers enjoying the very clever and sometimes downright devious and tricky calling of 'our Nev'. Last Saturday saw six squares on the floor having a whale of a time to the calling of Kay Walker who came and called for us while Nev and Bev were in Sydney. She did a fantastic job and we are truly grateful - thank you, Kay!!

Tuesdays are still getting 6 or 7 squares of this year's beginners who have just completed basic, last year's beginners who are now dancing the full mainstream programme and of course the 'angels' - where would we be without them.

Tomorrow night is the first of our three "introductory fun nights" for the year and we are looking forward to a grand turn out with lots of fun and excitement as we introduce newcomers to the delights of square dancing.

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 6th December. Anyone is welcome to join us but it is a ticket only affair as it is well catered by the fabulous Chris Moonie and her marvellous crew. For more details contact Nev and Bev.

Lots of fun and excitement to look forward to next month.

KEEP SMILING

KEEP DANCING

KEEP FIT

STAY YOUNG!!!!

And this month's contribution from Suncoasters

If you haven't been to the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre since mid-year you will see a lot of changes next time you visit. Dixon Road is now a main connection road to the Sunshine Motorway so there is a lot of traffic past our front door. Better still is the easy access to the Centre from all directions - straight off the Motorway. The new Dixon Road interchange takes you straight off the Sunshine Motorway and you'll be at the Centre within 500 metres.

We now have a new bitumen carpark with flood lighting so that you don't have to cross the busy road.

Come up to one our dances soon to see all the changes. On Saturday 29th November we have our special mainstream night to the theme of **Gold** to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of several of our members.

We usually dance Mainstream on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays. Advanced dancing is Sundays at 4.00 pm. Plus on Monday evenings, Basic & Mainstream Workshop of a Tuesday evenings and all levels on Wednesday commencing at 9.30 am through till 2.30 pm

If you want to join us for our Christmas Dinner Dance bookings are essential as our meal is catered.

When you visit, if you have a tent or caravan, why don't you stay the night on our grounds. We have powered sites and hot showers and you can even use our swimming pool and kitchen.

We've had some interest from prospective learners so we will be commencing a new class on Tuesday next year on 17th March 2009.

Our last dance for this year is our Christmas Party on 6th December and we recommence next year on 21st February, but if you are on the coast during the break there will be lots of dancing to tapes for those who just don't want to stop. Any enquires phone 5445 1238.

As this is the last Bugle for 2008 may we take this opportunity to wish one and all and a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Look forward to seeing you on the dance floor somewhere - sometime.

Happy Dancing

Suncoasters Square Dance Club.

Kay's Plus

On a Sunday afternoon in November 2007 Kay Walker held a plus square dance at Oxley in Brisbane. The response and enthusiasm of the attending dancers encouraged Kay to commence a plus square dance club in February 2008. The club quickly established regular members with everyone learning from a competent, courteous teacher. After much deliberation in August 2008 the dancers chose a name for themselves, "Kay's Plus" and now most of the dancers are wearing the distinctive club badge.

On the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 Kay taught standard plus and a refresher for non-standard mainstream along with standard and non-standard plus. At 3:00 pm after a cuppa experienced dancers enjoyed APD plus. By 5:00 pm most were "danced out" with the phrase "It's a lefty" ringing in their ears.

The fun and fellowship of square dancing in general enabled this new club to develop quickly during the year. The "getting to know you" conversation seems almost to be dispensed with because all persons involved were established square dancers. The fun of dancing "Spin Chain and Exchange The Gears" when half sashayed from a left handed ocean wave and not going the wrong way. The fun of not knowing your left from your right hand in a "Grand Right And Left" or not remembering who your partner was and where home was. With friends these situations are not humiliating but enjoyable. For me new friends came from faces that I knew from the occasional sighting at a "big" dance. Now it isn't just a nod but a discussion about the grand kids, why the team lost the last match or

In 2009 Kay's Plus will offer a similar programme. Any mainstream dancers wishing to learn non-standard plus or plus dancers interested in a refresher course are encouraged to join us on Sunday the 1st. of February but no later than Sunday the 1st of March 2009.

Each first and third Sunday of February through to November "Kay's Plus" meets at the Girl Guides Hut, 32 Ellen St. Oxley, which is set in the lovely Nixon Park.

Kay calls and teaches at other clubs that offer "raw" beginners the opportunity to discover the well kept secret of Square Dancing.

Details of the dates and contact information may be obtained by visiting Kay's web site: <http://www.kaysclubs.com> or email to kay@kaysclubs.com. There is the good old fashion way too, a phone call: Kay 33743994 or Aaron 33780825.

NORTHSIDE PROMENADERS

Another year is drawing to a close. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The club will reopen next year on Thursday 5 February 2009. On this day, Northside Promenaders will celebrate its 5th Birthday. Please come and join us in the celebration.

It is hard to believe that 5 years has gone past. The club has been run by Helen Welsh, Russell Mole and Glenn Wilson since its inception. Russell and Helen have looked after the administration side, leaving Glenn to look after the dancing/teaching. From the 5 February 2009 the club will be run by Glenn Wilson. Russell and Helen would like to thank everyone who has helped the club in the past 5 years, and a special thank you to Glenn & Rosalie for their help in getting the club up and running.

Wavell Whirlaways.

Visitors to the Club included Ann from Canberra, Coral and Peter from Lismore, and a Club visit from Nev McLachlan and Bar K Circle W. Members of the Club attended the Gala Dance and the Sunshine State Roundup on Saturday 11th October. A great day and night was had by all and congratulations to Sam McKenzie on winning the Amateur Callers Comp.

The Wednesday night storm kept numbers to a minimum with just over 2 sets. We had an early coffee break as we all got a little wet getting into the Hall.

We have been talking to people who used to dance with Wavell over the years. The reason for this is that Wavell will be celebrating its 40th Birthday next March. If anybody has danced with us over the years we would like to hear from you, especially if you have any photos or other memorabilia that we could display on the night. I can be contacted at j.lambert54@hotmail.com if you can help in any way. More information to follow in next Bugle. June and Margaret.

Town & Country Squares

Town & Country Squares, will be holding their Christmas Dance for 2008, on Saturday, 13th December, at the Uniting Church Hall commencing at 7-30 finishing at 10pm. The address is 144 Brisbane Road, Booval, (behind the Kentucky Fried Chicken shop). There will be the usual mainstream, plus if required and of course the Monte Carlo. If time permits we may also have some round dancing. Noel will be graduating some of our dancers. We'd like you all to come and make our Christmas break up a really memorable event!
,Noel and Merle McKenzie

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

The past month has been terrific at Kallangur. We had three weeks with four squares and a week with five squares. It certainly made for a great atmosphere.

Our next 5th of the month dance is on 29th November. This will include a 'wedding' which will commence at 7p.m. with dancing starting at 7.30p.m. Cost is \$5. The theme is "Dancing with a Difference" (because of the wedding) and Christmas dress would be most acceptable.

Our New Year's Eve dance 31st December will commence at 7p.m. The cost for this dance is \$6 which includes supper. At both dances there will be the usual lucky door prizes and raffles. If you have any enquiries regarding either dance, please contact Margaret at 32852130 or Jan 33859947.

Our club will close for the year on Tuesday 9th December and recommence on Tuesday 27th January.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fellow dancers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jan Hay

P.S. I know I speak for all dancers when I say a big happy birthday to Margaret who turns the big 70 on November 19th.

I don't know what the key to success is but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

Bill Crosby.

SALAD BOWL SQUARES

Our numbers have been up and down lately, but we are still managing two squares most nights, although there are often a number of interchanges happening. Kay continues to keep us entertained – sometimes the grey matter gets too much of a workout but we can still have a good laugh about it.

The last Friday in September saw a wide variety of enjoyable supper dishes. Our last Friday in October is themed for Halloween – expect to see some witches, warlocks and probably plenty of black cats and bats. November's theme night is craft, with members displaying their talents.

The Club's AGM is set for Friday December 5 and the following week is the Christmas Party and our final dance night for the year. Dancing will resume on Friday 6 February, the first Friday of the month.

Chris Heyworth

MORETON BAY SQUARES.

What a fantastic day we had on Saturday 4th Oct. when we hosted 83 dancers at our 'Island-style' dance at the Rec. Hall! Dancers came from up and down the coast as well as Brisbane, plus family from England and Scotland, all of whom were full of praise for the total pleasure they experienced at the event. Noel McKenzie officiated in the absence of our President and as always presented a truly 'danceable' programme with the aid of attending Callers including Corinne Bradshaw who added Rounds to the dimension, which was great! Our delighted thanks go out to all the Clubs who attended and so made such a wonderful success of the day.

Our Russell Island members must be specially thanked for all the work they put in, preparing the hall, organising catering and raffle prizes and finally cleaning up when it was all over. A big pat on the back for all concerned. Thank you !

Twelve of us attended the Gala Dance and Amateur Callers' Contest afternoon and had a wonderful time, some staying on for the Round Up in the evening. Congratulations to all the Amateur Callers for a job well done and especially to Sam Mckenzie for winning the Trophy. Keep at it, all of you.

We shall be taking part in Macleay Is. Pub Paradise's 'Dance Party' on the evening of Sat. 15th November from 7pm at the Pub where you can wine, dine and dance, and on Sat. 6th December the 'Community Dance Night' at the Rec. Hall, Russell Is. from 7pm when there will be many dance styles including rock, ballroom, old-time etc as well as square-dancing, all for the princely sum of \$5 which includes a hot supper.

Dancing on 15th Nov. 10am-12.15pm will be at Macleay Is. Progress Hall as there is a wedding at R.I. Rec Hall. The AGM will also happen at this session. Happy dancing everybody! Patsy May 3409 5576

Upbeat Ch.a.o.s

"Club News" Upbeat Ch.a.o.s. 'Plus' Monday nights at the Deception Bay Community Hall have been well supported by keen Plus dancers. We are dancing 3 and 4 squares regularly.

My club is dedicated to providing a weekly 'PLUS' dance night for the dancers who are serious about either just dancing Plus regularly or helping other dancers learn the Plus program so they too can enjoy the Plus program.

We are in our 9th year at the same venue on the same night since my club started on the 7th Feb 2000. I strive to give the dancers an enjoyable nights dancing with a balance of Fun and Creativity. Mind you, sometimes the dancers do things that I have not seen in any Square Dance books and on a few occasions have had me in stitches while trying to call. Get serious about your 'Plus' at Upbeat Ch.a.o.s.

Gary Petersen.

Ph 0403 240 129, Home 3888 1735

You are invited to MiST
(Malanda invites Steve Turner)

August 7th to 9th 2009

Malanda, North Queensland.
\$35 Early Bird or \$90 Family 'til May '09.

David GH Smith
18 George Street, Malanda, Q. 4885
Phone 07 4096 6557
Email: dsmith@c130.aone.net.au
or check out www.square-dance-nq.org.au

Burleigh Square Dance Club

Burleigh Square Dance Club wishes everyone a happy and safe festive season and invites members and guests to our CHRISTMAS PARTY celebration dance on Saturday, 13th December at the Maher Hall, 42 Matilda Street, Burleigh Heads.

Dancing is from 7pm at \$6 per person. There will be a pre-dance dinner from 6pm, at \$10 per person, making it a total of \$16 for the whole night's entertainment. Booking and pre-payment for the dinner is required by 6th December for catering purposes if you will be dining with us.

Please post your dinner cheques to:
Burleigh Square Dance Club Inc,
C/o Joy Butler,
49/57 Leisure Drive,
Banora Point NSW 2486

Next year, we will be starting the New Year off with an AUSTRALIA DAY PARTY at the Maher Hall on Saturday, 24th January from 7pm at \$6 per person. This is a chance to dress up Aussie-style. Free entry for beginners. A plate would be appreciated.

BEGINNERS' CLASSES will commence the following week, Saturday 31st January from 7pm at \$5 per beginner until the end of March. See our website: www.isquaredance.net for details.

For further information, please phone Joy Butler on (07)55 233 047 or Karen McCarthy on 0415 832 137.

Carina Carousels
Christmas Party.

(You are invited)
Thursday 4th. December from 1pm.
Carina Senior Citizens,
1 Edmond Street Carina.

A plate towards afternoon tea would be appreciated.
For information 'phone Shirley Bell on 3324 9482.

Uniting Squares.

Uniting Squares invites dancers to help celebrate its last dance of the year on Wednesday the 3rd of December at 7:30 pm. Kay will entertain you with mainstream and plus at the Anglican Church Hall, 1036 Moggill Rd. Kenmore.

In 2009, Uniting Squares restart on the first Wednesday (4th) in February at 7:30pm.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting Kay's web site: <http://www.kaysclubs.com> or email to kay@kaysclubs.com or by phone, Kay 33743994 or Aaron 33780825.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

News from Tugun Twirlers

Dancing Wednesday nights in the Tugun Progress hall in Golden Four Drive, Tugun. Beg. rounds 6.30-7.30 with Corinne and Mainstream with Frances until supper at 9pm then after supper we have a learning plus bracket and then a plus Bracket finishing at 10pm. Have just had our Halloween party- masks were really scary this year. We enjoyed our visitors from Ipswich, George and Clair Jackson. Numbers increasing and everyone enjoying Frances Hickson's calling.

Our sympathies to Charles and Olive Watson with the loss of their daughter.

Members looking forward to Corinne's Bush Dance at the Centaur Primary School on 29th November and Reg and Deslie celebrating their 50th Anniversary on the same day.....
Club Christmas Party will be on 10th December.

Enquires phone Corinne on 0409271977 / 0755345132
Yours in Dancing.....
Corinne Bradshaw

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CANE COUNTRY SQUARES/BUNDABERG



As I write this addition to the Bugle for November, our "Trick and Treat" night is being planned for Friday 31st October. There will be a variety of dancing and naturally some tricks/games up the sleeves of our callers to make it a fun night for all, including our learners. I'm sure the callers will find some songs about magic, witches or spells, potions etc? We will wear something "showy" - maybe orange and black to set the atmosphere for the evening. Our raffle will be in colours of orange and black.

Keep the date of **Saturday 29th November 2008** free as **Cane Country Squares** are hosts for the annual **District Christmas Dance**. It will be a Beach Party theme so come and **be cool in casual dress** to enjoy the night. There will be all levels of dancing and other activities - and admission is **"FREE"**. It will be held at the Norville Hall, Maynard Street, Bundaberg commencing at 7pm. For further information contact Shirley 4159 2308 or Matthew 4152 5051 or email canecountrysquares@hotmail.com

We hope you will join us and make it a night to remember before this year's dancing comes to a close. Our callers will be singing some of our favourite Christmas tunes. There will be raffles, lucky door and a very tasty supper.

We will commence dancing again on 6th February 2009.

Best wishes to all Square Dancers for a safe and happy festive season. Take care and relax and be refreshed to enjoy Square Dance activities again in the New Year.

Pam Garson

VALE RUSSELL KERMOND

"A TRUE GENTLEMAN" accurately describes our dear friend and longtime Square Dancer and Clogger, RUSSELL KERMOND.

Russell and wife Rae started square dancing with Mothar Mountain in the early 1980s, and both were inaugural members of Moonshine Cloggers in Gympie, as well as founding members of the Australian Clogging Association.

They both travelled extensively, enjoying Square Dancing and Clogging right across Australia.

The contribution which they made to the organising of Square Dancing and Clogging events, including Clogging Camps and Conventions, will never be forgotten by those lucky enough to have been part of the dancing life and times of Russell and Rae.

For the sake of Russell's health, a move was made from Gympie to Kirra on the Gold Coast several years ago, and where Russell peacefully passed away on Friday 31st October.

Our sincere sympathy to Rae and family. "PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN HIM, HONoured TO HAVE DANCED WITH HIM- RUSSELL KERMOND, OUR FRIEND".

The Square Dancing and Clogging Communities of Queensland.

Sun City Square and Round Dance Club

Sun City Square & Round Dance Club Townsville, wish to advise that they now have their Web site up and running and invite all to visit it at www.suncitysquareandrounddanceclub.org.

The last dance for 2008 at Sun City will take place on 28-11-08. The club will commence operations for 2009 on 13th February with Kevin Clive, caller, assistant caller Darryl Burrows and trainee caller Bradley Milton. Julie Jensen will cue the Round dancing.

We wish all our visitors, travellers & others of the Square Dance fraternity a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we hope to see many more visitors through the New Year of 2009.

Best Wishes

Darryl Burrows

Quote of the Week

'I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.'

Thomas Jefferson 1802

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

The fast freight train that is Christmas-a'coming is just around the bend as we get the Christmas decos out of the Shed, and search for the address book for card-sending.

We also vow to cut down on the pud/custard at Chrissie dinner (who's kidding?)

Would you believe it? CLOGGING ON ICE. Yes, as part of an Ice Spectacular at the ICEWORLD OLYMPIC ICE RINK, 2304 Sandgate Road, Boondall on the nights of 28-29 November, the Get Rhythm Dance Team will be in action. Tickets \$10 pp on sale at the door.

We are also very pleased to be invited to entertain at the Mitchelton Meals on Wheels Christmas Party on 10th December.

Townsville-based Barrier Reef Cloggers have been busy, busy, busy entertaining at Retirement/Nursing Homes in Townsville, Ingham and Ayr, with more visits scheduled in the coming weeks- even three in the same week. GO YOU GOOD THING!

Cloggers wrap up 2008 with a round of Christmas Parties- find out where and when and join in. Lots of dancing, loads of laughs and tonnes of food. What more could you want? Visitors very welcome.

Club's Christmas Party-time and closing dates are:
50+ Cloggers, (City Hall) Morning 8th Dec.
Barrier Reef Cloggers (Townsville) Lunch 9th Dec. at Carlyle Gardens.
Chug-a-Lug Cloggers (Greenslopes) Night 8th Dec.
Double Jingle Cloggers (Lutwyche) Morning 11th Dec.
EZ Cloggers (Caboolture) Afternoon 12th Dec.
Hooked On Clogging (Dakabin) Evening 12th Dec.
Hooked On Clogging (Bribie Island) Evening 15th Dec.
Paradise Cloggers (Cairns) 7th Dec. (2008 closing date 14th Dec.)
Sunstate Cloggers (Runcorn) Night 11th Dec.

Thanks again to: the BUGLE for helping to circulate the Clogging News, those who have kindly supplied information, Don for his assistance, and the CLOGGING FAMILY who have made 2008 another great year.

Hopefully, we will see you at a Christmas Party near you, and then **on to 2009.**

Have a safe and happy Christmas, and may the New Year be a great one for everyone.

AND REMEMBER- 'As long as the world is turning, we're gonna be Clogging!'

Best Wishes,
Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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49th Australian National Square Dance Convention

PUBLIC MEETING

An invitation is extended to all interested parties to attend a public meeting to finalise the 49th Australian National Square Dance Convention.

Date: 28 February 2009

Venue: Geebung Baptist Church Hall,
Innes Street, Geebung

Time: 10.00am-12.00noon

Enquiries: Leighton & Sandra Bloomfield –

Ph/Fax: 07 3341 2229;

Email: smbloomfield1@optushome.com.au

Will you be part of the Christmas Party?

Thank you for your response to help at the Sunshine State Roundup. Don't forget to attend and bring dancing friends along.

Our Society's Christmas Party Dance will be here very soon. In fact it is on 22nd November. So **we need to get a few more helpers** in place quickly.

We plan to hold a **“Christmas Hamper Raffle”**. We would like all clubs to donate items for this hamper.

Items that are non perishable and “In Date” as well as non food items will be most welcome. Jane Rayner has volunteered to manage all the items until the event, so please pass them to her or let her know what you have collected at your club.

We will be asking for **volunteers to look after selling Raffle tickets, Door tickets, help with decorations, and help with the supper.** If you would like to support your Society in this way; please contact David Phone 32631408 davidp8@bigpond.net.au or Jane Rayner Phone 32997717 or email j.rayner1@optusnet.com.au

Callers and Cuers (Rounds & Clogging) are asked to indicate their availability to be programmed by contacting David Pearce, Phone 3263 1408 or email:

davidp8@bigpond.net.au. Or Jane Rayner Phone 32997717 or email j.rayner1@optusnet.com.au by

November 15th. Yours in Square Dancing

David Pearce

(Functions & Events Coordinator)

Round Dance Corner

Ken and Val Bolton have held another successful fund raising dance at their home base at Camp Hill School of Arts. The Valentine Round Dance Club has been raising funds for different charities for many years now, this latest was for Breast Cancer and Coeliac research. Each society received \$165 as the result of this dance. Well done, Val and Ken.



The beginner classes at Allemanders Club are proceeding well and all the learners are looking forward to attending the Jimboomba Dance to “spread their wings”. The Dance will be held in the Jimboomba Community Hall on Saturday 15th. November, starting at 7 pm. It will be a mixture of all levels, with novelty, a bit of old time , and perhaps even a square or two during the night. Warwick and Paula can supply any additional information.

Following the production and distribution of DVD's of the National Convention Round Dance workshops, the making of DVD's of the following weekend has now been completed. Those who ordered these disc should have them by the time they read this; if not please contact Sylvia Pitt .on 3349 1797.

The QRDA Christmas Break-up Dance will be held at the Macgregor State School in McCullough St, Sunnybank on 29th November. My, hasn't the year gone quickly!

New Year's Eve Dance

2008 (31st December)

Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

Logan City Square Dance Centre, 161A Magnesium Drive, Crestmead

Theme; “Tropical”

Square dance attire not essential

Commencing 8pm

Admission; \$6.00 per person.

Come along and join the party. Not just a square dance. Raffle and general party fun.

Supper too; a food contribution would be appreciated, thank you.

Enquiries; Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717; email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

**Do not follow where the path
may lead.**

**Go instead where there is no
path and leave a trail.**

NORTHSIDE PROMENADERS **CLUB BREAK UP/CHRISTMAS DANCE**

THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2008.
PLEASE B.A.P OF GOODIES FOR SUPPER.

CLUB BIRTHDAY 5TH BIRTHDAY ON THURSDAY
5TH FEBRUARY 2009.
PLEASE B.A.P OF GOODIES FOR SUPPER.

May Gods richest blessing of health, happiness and love be yours for Christmas, and remain with you throughout the coming New Year



Take care, and if you have to drive, please drive safely.

Alec and Nellie
President,
Square Dancing Society of Qld. Inc.

In the spring of this year we had a visit from a couple of young ladies from Germany.



Nessi Fisher
Ohmoor Squeezers
Hamburg.



Sarah Dieckmann
Rainbow Dancers
Ottendorf.

This was Nessi's second visit, she had attended Gumdale about six years back.

These two young ladies gave us some idea of how square dancing is conducted in Europe. It is certainly a much more lively activity than our 'conservative' way. When you get into the spirit of their way a little there is a lot of fun to be had.

While here Nessi had a birthday and this event was celebrated at Gumdale.

Their visit was most welcome and we hope it will be repeated soon.

This is the last Bugle for 2008. The next newsletter will go out early in February 2009.

Although I am considered the editor of this effort I have a great back up team. The late David Rodger was a source of encouragement and a great sounding board. The real gem is one Don Look. He makes himself available and has the patience to check my grammar. spelling and is usually available for a discussion. If I ring and he is not there I get to have a yarn with Frances and that is also encouraging.

Sometimes I sneak in an article, such as this one, without Don's scrutiny and I inevitably make a booboo.

Now, for the contributors. Without you there would not be a "Bugle". It is always a thrill to add a new contributor to the list and a little sad when we don't hear from a club for some time.

You have to admit I have not asked readers for their opinion so much this year. That does not mean your suggestions are not welcome. I am always looking for suggestions to improve the Bugle and square dancing in Queensland. As the Vice President of the Society my mind now darts to portions of the organisation other than the Bugle. All suggestions on all subjects are welcome.

Finally I wish to place on record my appreciation to Marjie. When we left North Queensland she asked me if I was going to get involved with any organisations in Brisbane. I said "No, I have done it for forty years and that's enough." I had not met David Roger at that time. He got me involved with Gumdale and then the Society and Marjie has not said "You told me etc".

When I did get involved Marjie did say "You seem to have a gift of doing things for organisations so go do it." Thank you Flossy.

Thank you ALL for your help, encouragement and time you invest in preparing your articles for the Bugle. Enjoy the break and I hope the real origins of Christmas are recognized a little more this year.

May fortune's light upon you shine, A day of peace and joy be thine,
and may each rolling day for thee, from trouble's cloud be set free.

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

Marjie & Noel Miller.



LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCERS Inc.

5th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

FEATURING CALLER

Mike Davey (Vic)

14th FEBRUARY 2009

Logan City Square Dance Centre, 161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon Plus 2pm - 4.30pm

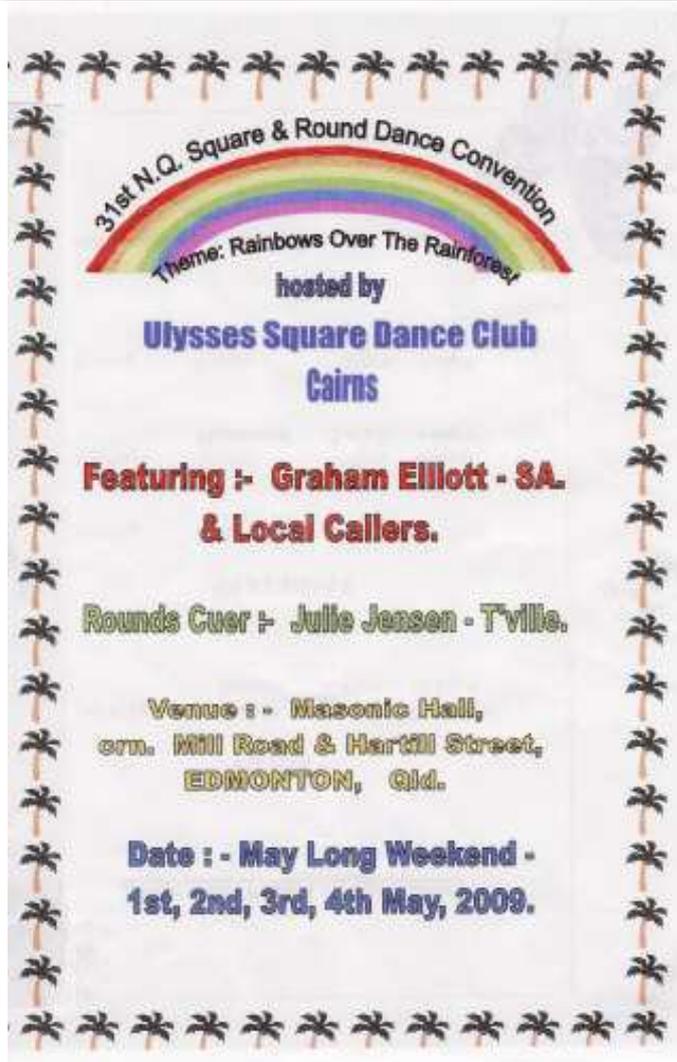
Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm

Admission; Afternoon \$7.00 per person Evening \$8.00 per person or \$13.00 for both sessions

Juniors under (16 yrs) \$5.00 afternoon \$6.00 evening or \$9.00 for both sessions

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; cysquare@optusnet.com.au

The hall will remain open between sessions for those wishing to stay on.
Showers available. BYO basket tea or there are several food outlets close by.



31st NQ Square & Round Dance Convetion.

Information about this event is available from Kevin/Helen Gregor,
PO. Box 879E,
EARLVILLE, Qld., 4870.
Phone : - [07] 40 33 63 42.
Email :- kevin.gregor@bigpond.com

Ulysses Squares website for the convention :-
<http://web.aanet.com.au/hoohar/ulyssesconvention/convention.html>

OR

you can go through Google-
www. Australian Square Dance Clubs, then follow
down through Queensland to Ulysses Squares
website.

We have a 31st. NQ convention link with all
information available:-

Caller/Cuer registration forms,
Dancers registration forms,

Don't put off for tomorrow what you can
do today; There may be a law against it
tomorrow.

B’N’M Squares.

Samantha & Scott McKenzie do a great job of decorating their residence with lights for Christmas. At the same time they are going to do their best to promote square dancing.

Every evening from 1st. - 24th December, 7 - 9pm. they are going to open their place and conduct “Square Dancing under the Lights.”

There is no charge for the dancing but you are encouraged to drop a donation into the box to support the “Make a Wish Foundation”. Feel free to bring something along for supper.

This activity will culminate in a big party on the evening of the 24th. December. The invitation is for all to drop in and share the fun. If there is anything more you wish to know about this activity feel free to contact Scott at squarescott@hotmail.com.

Their residence is at 30 Hellen St. Bald Hills 4036.

SQUARE DANCING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Brian Hotchkies (caller), and Hazel & Glynn Jones are taking a group to introduce Square Dancing to the students and staff of Benguet State University in northern Philippines departing Sydney Sunday 18th January 2009 and returning Monday 2nd February 2009. Approximate cost is \$1850.00 (subject to any air fare increases). Air and land transport, accommodation and meals at BSU and 1 night twin share in Manilla are included.

Baguio is in northern Luzon about 6 hours (250kms) north of Manilla at an elevation of 1400 metres – the “Salad Bowl” of the Philippines. There will be time for sightseeing.

To register to join the tour or for more information contact Hazel/Glynn Jones Ph 02 9953 0769 or email gjones10@bigpond.com An early reply would be appreciated.

A personal note from Jane Rayner

Due to ill health, the Society Secretary elect for this year was unable to continue so I have filled in till now. I have been happy to help but it’s time for someone else to take the Secretarial reins. The Society needs a Secretary for 2009. Somewhere in amongst our more than 400 members, I’m sure there is someone just waiting to be asked. Well, I’m asking here. If you think you would like to become just a little more involved in square dancing consider this position. I understand that newer dancers may feel a little shy about taking an Executive Committee position but as far as the Secretarial position goes, I am happy to help the incoming Secretary in any way I can to ease the transition.

The Society also has been without a Promotions Officer for some time now. It is said square dancing is the world’s best kept secret. Do we want to keep what we enjoy so much a secret??? I, for one do not. I spread the word as often as I can and feel all square dancers should do likewise however this should be as an assistance to the Promotion Officer’s work, not instead of.

So we have two positions that have gone begging for too long so please consider these positions and if you think you can fill one of them, please fill out the nomination form and return it by 1st February 2009.

Other positions such as Vice President and Registrar are available in 2009 as well (see your club mailing for details). I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Till we meet again, happy dancing and keep safe.

**With my very best wishes,
Jane.**

Knitting

Tapestry

Painting

Leadlighting

COME AND VIEW THE
HIDDEN TALENTS OF OUR DANCERS
AS WE SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIVE
TALENTS

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

From 7.30PM

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

STATION ST

WELLINGTON POINT

ENTRY: \$6 per person



We wish all Square Dancers, everywhere a Joyful Christmas.

We look forward to meeting new square dance friends and greeting old friends in a happy and safe New Year.

Leighton & Sandra Bloomfield, Executive Assistant.

Before the 2001 inauguration of George Bush, he was invited to a get-acquainted tour of the White House.

After drinking several glasses of iced tea, he asked Bill Clinton if he could use his personal bathroom.

When he entered Clinton's private toilet, he was astonished to see that President Clinton had a solid gold urinal.

That afternoon, George told his wife, Laura, about the urinal. "Just think," he said, "When I am president, I could have a gold urinal, too. But I wouldn't do something that self indulgent."

Later, when Laura had lunch with Hillary at her tour of the White House, she told Hillary how impressed George had been at his discovery of the fact that, in the President's private bathroom, the President had a gold urinal.

That evening, when Bill and Hillary were getting ready for bed, Hillary smiled, and said to Bill, "I found out who peed in your saxophone."!!!

A young boy had just got his driver's license and enquired of his father, if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up from a C to a B Average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car."

Well, the boy thought about that for a moment, and decided to settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks they went into the study, where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You've brought your grades up, and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, and participating a lot more in the Bible study groups. But, I'm real disappointed, since you haven't got your hair cut."

The young man paused a moment, and then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair also."

To this his father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"



Alan Rayner
Treasurer



Jane Rayner
Acting Secretary

Square Dancing Society of Qld Inc

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward continuing to enjoy square dancing in 2009 and always enjoy catching up with our square dance friends.

Logan City Square Dancers Inc

The year is drawing to a close but there is still lots happening. Monday night basics class is doing well and the A level session is now weekly on Thursdays. Alan's Allemanders Club continues to do well on Friday nights.

Our regular Saturday dances are still going strong, albeit numbers have been down recently. We continue to provide a variety of callers and try to keep to the 2nd Saturday of the month but occasionally must make a change because of major functions being scheduled. Watch your Club notice board for details.

We'll have our usual New Year's Eve Dance, this year with a "Tropical" theme, and our 5th Anniversary dance on 14th February 2009 with feature caller Mike Davey from Victoria. Remember, the hall is air-conditioned so it's comfortable dancing all year round.

Logan City Square Dance Centre is looking better all the time with improvements being made. Recently the rear fence was moved back to allow more off-street car parking space. Our thanks go to the workers who helped on the day.

We take this opportunity to wish all dancers a Very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season.

Jane Rayner