

The Banana Benders Bugle

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A TRUE STORY

A supporter of the Bugle recently was asked about Square Dancing venues by a gentleman who with his wife had been square dancers, but, due to personal reasons, had not danced for a couple of years.

He asked about nights at the Club they had visited when last they were dancing, where they had enjoyed themselves.

He then dropped a bombshell.

He said he and his wife had been disappointed at the reception they had received at some other Clubs they had attended.

He admitted that they were not the most talented of dancers, and at some venues were let know this by gesture and non-inclusiveness.

They went for a good time, not a downer time.

The ideal is that ALL dancers and Callers welcome visitors and potential beginners as they come along to your Club for a night of fun, fellowship and happy memories.

Reverse the situation and think how you would feel at being treated as a visitor to a Club in a not very friendly manner.

Getting new dancers (beginners) is important to the future life of square dancing, but what of those who just don't go dancing anymore? Sure there are multiple reasons why they have ceased dancing- health, travel distance, finance, etc. etc. But maybe it was because they were just not made welcome as a visitor or inclusive even at their own Club.

Everyone makes mistakes on the dance floor- please don't make that circle so tight we're chocking the life out of square dancing!

Yes, it's easy to walk away from dancing if you're not happy about something going on at your regular Club, but PLEASE have a quiet word with your Caller or Club President, if not at Club, then privately.

REMEMBER- IT'S YOUR CLUB, TOO.

A Regular reader.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What a marvellous response to the Society's call for individual membership- we have reached half of our quota already. This will mean a lot more can now be done for the dancers and Clubs of Queensland.

Our first goal in the New Year is to see what can be done with regards to promoting in a positive manner. Our second goal is to see dancers are protected by insurance cover from injury. Let's face it, a lot of us are getting on in years and bones get a little fragile.

At the moment under the constitution we are obliged to send out to all members copies of the minutes of meetings. Under the new constitution minutes will only be sent to your Club for you perusal.

I welcome all those new members and look forward to seeing you at our General Meetings and if possible, personally getting to the outer reaches of the State once a year.

Clubs all go though their ups and downs but we must keep working to attract new dancers. Please help your Society to help you achieve your ambitions.

Happy dancing and God bless you all,
Alan Rayner
Treasurer
Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

**Copy for the next Bugle will be
accepted up to 20th October.**

Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end the faster it goes.

People don't grow old. They become old when they stop growing.

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31st Armadale Spring Festival

19-20-21 October 2007

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Rounds: Linda Williamson

Clogging: Suellen Guest

Contact David Williams 02 6775 1707

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Saturday Dance

13th October

Feature Caller

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(S-Bar-B S.D. Club, Brisbane)

Enquiries; ph; (07) 3299 7717 or

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What's on At Logan City Square Dance Centre.

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Starts: Monday 1st October 2007

Deception Bay Community Hall

7pm to 10pm **Cost: \$5.00**

Teaching 7pm to 8pm then alternating
Brackets.

Must have 2 years Mainstream
experience.

Regular attendance is highly
recommended.

Ph Gary 38881735

Russell 0414973248

A Holiday Idea

With the Convention coming up next year in
Brisbane, here is an idea for a Square Dance
Holiday for you.

May 2008 is the North Queensland Convention -
Friday 2nd to Monday 5th.

Start a travelling trip in Far North Queensland on
the cooler Atherton Tablelands, just an hour from
Cairns in May. Autumn is usually fine in NQ. It is
well after the Cyclone season and the heat is
rapidly fading away.

After visiting the NQ Convention, take your time
down Queensland's coast visiting clubs at
Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and more until
you get to South East Queensland in time for the
Convention.

Think about it, it could be fun!

Check out the North Queensland Convention at
<http://www.30th-nqsd-convention.org.au>

David GH Smith

Phone 07 4096 6557

Email: dsmith@c130.aone.net.au

<http://www.home.aone.net.au/schmiphie>

50th Sunshine State Round up Dressed Sets

We hope that all Clubs have let Jane Rayner know that they have a "Dressed Set" ready for the parade at the Golden Jubilee Sunshine State Round Up.

A fine caller, who has been around for all of the Round Ups, Graham Rigby, will be calling the squares for the dressed sets. Graham will be using "Welcome to My World" and the very appropriate "Golden Memories". The choreography for these numbers is as follows:

Golden Memories.

Opener: Circle Left – Allemande Left – Box the Gnat – Ladies Promenade
Turn Partner Right – Allemande Left – Swing & Promenade.

Figure: Heads Square Through – Right & Left Through – Swing Through – Boys Run – Tag the line – Face Right – Wheel & Deal – Square Through but on the third hand – Box the Gnat Swing & Promenade.

Welcome to my World.

Opener: Sides Face Grand Square – 4 Ladies Promenade – Swing and Promenade.

Figure: Heads Promenade Half way – Right & Left Through – Square Through 4 hands – do sado – Swing Through – Men Trade – Turn Through – Allemande Left – Promenade.

Clubs are encouraged to get sets together in "Club Outfits" and be part the Opening Ceremony of this spectacular event.

David Pearce

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Since last we met, the whirl of Clogging has kept dancing merrily along.

Invited along to the Woolloowin State School to show our talents at their annual Fete, the Get Rhythm Group demonstrated professionalism, not only through their dancing, but by overcoming a hitch in the School sound equipment at the start of the performance with good humour and aplomb. Their efforts were warmly received.

A quick teach session after the demo. showed how easy it is to learn the basic steps. Several new dancers will soon be joining our ranks.

Individual dancers are being asked to take up Personal Injury Liability Insurance with the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. The cost is \$10.00 per person per year. Details can be obtained from Alan Rayner, Treasurer of the SDS of Q. 3200 5491, email: cysquare@optusnet.com.au, or write to Alan Rayner, PO Box 628, MARSDEN, QLD. 4132.

This Insurance cover is recommended to all dancers. Clubs will still carry their own Public Liability Insurance.

A reminder to come along and see the Get Rhythm Clogging Group in action at the Waterwise Gardens Awards on Tuesday morning 23rd October. Venue is the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church Street, Fortitude Valley.

A short Clogging session will be included in the Square Dance Sunshine State Convention on the night of 27th August at the Yeronga High School, Villa Street, Yeronga. A number of Square Dancers and Round Dancers are also Cloggers.

Christmas celebrations are starting to get organised. If you have any days and times already marked on your Club's calendar, please let me know so we can all try to come along and have a right royal Clogging time together. Fun and friendship are a feature of Clogging events.

More news on Christmas parties in the November BBB.

WARNING! There's an INFECTION sweeping Australia- it's called CLOGGING!!

Happy Days, Special Times,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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PIONEER VALLEY

Pioneer Valley recently celebrated 2 years of square dancing with a BBQ before the usual Saturday night dance.

In 2005 one person asked to be taught Square Dancing. That required the help of 8 people. Some non active Square Dancers and some who had never square danced were approached and the result was a group now known as Pioneer Valley. The group has grown to more than 24 dancers.

In December 2006 Alan and Shirley celebrated their wedding. Shirley began learning Square Dancing in January 2006, met Alan at Rock 'n' Roll, and now Alan is learning Square Dancing. Their wedding featured both Rock 'n' Roll and Square Dancing.

In June 2007 Craig and Rondelle, who met when Rondelle began learning to dance in February 2006 with the Pioneer Valley Square Dancers, also celebrated their wedding. It also featured Square Dancing. After 2 demonstration dances the guests were invited to try Square Dancing and about 30 people enjoyed a simple dance after a few instructions.

In 2006 Pioneer Valley visited Capricorn Waves in Rockhampton several times to experience Brian Hotchkies and Barry Wonson. Capricorn Waves has supported Pioneer Valley by travelling to Mackay several times to dance with Pioneer Valley. The two groups have formed a close association. August this year 14 dancers from Pioneer Valley travelled to Rockhampton for a weekend of Square Dancing with Brian Hotchkies.

The dancing was excellent and Brian is always full of surprises and has some very interesting choreography. Most importantly we all had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. Brian also goes out of his way to support, encourage and teach new callers which I really appreciate.

For Pioneer Valley the last 2 years has seen the establishment of a group with Square Dancing as the focus, but equally important a group who enjoy getting together and who have a lot of fun.

Charles Barnes

MORETON BAY SQUARES

Hi Everyone,

Well another month has flown by, the year is passing so quickly. It has been a quiet month for us. We are dancing two squares on a Saturday which we are very please about. With the help from Patsy and our angels we have been staying back an hour after our dance and helping our new dancers. It is working well and the dancers are progressing.

A Reminder that our ISLAND DAY DANCE will be on the 3rd, November. Flyers will be sent out very soon. Come along and join us for a great day- we look forward to seeing you all there.

Our dancers are looking forward to the State Convention and meeting up with all our friends. That's all for now.

FRIENDS IN SQUARE DANCING

ANN DIX, SECRETARY.

Upbeat Chaos

Good to see numbers picking up. We are looking forward to our Roaring 20's Night on 29th October. Don't forget to dress up.

Round dance night is the 8th, and on Party night 29th There will not be any Rounds on the 22nd October as Corinne will be Cruising the Pacific.

Look for the notice with our new format. Rounds are now from 6pm to 7pm on the above dates with new plus class starting.

Yours in Dancing
Corinne

Tugun Twirlers

Numbers are still down but a few new people coming to learn two-step between 6 pm and 7 pm. It's good to see some of our members are now on the mend. Looking forward to our party night on 31st October. The theme is 'T' night not 'P' as in the calendar. The dates on our November Calendar are wrong. please change the dates to 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. What will you be wearing that starts with the letter 'T'? Don't be slow or striped come and join us for 'T Night' at the Tugun Progress Hall on Golden Four Drive, just down from the Tugun Pub on 31st October at 7.00 pm.

Yours in Dancing'
Corinne Bradshaw

NEWS FROM CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG.

As I was one who missed the closing date for the last Bugle here are two reports rolled into one.

July has now past but Cane Country Squares celebrated early with a "Christmas in July" night. Callers, Shirley and Matthew brought out their Christmas Carol music to set the theme for the evening. Brightly coloured Christmas shirts and skirts were obvious amongst the outfits. It was pleasing to see so many members including our new learners stay for supper to enjoy the festive type food.

We were very pleased to welcome dancers and callers to our Club for the QCA meeting. With over a dozen callers present over the weekend, it was a feast of dancing for all. It is always much more enjoyable when we see extra people dancing on the floor and enjoying themselves and, for those members who went to Adelaide Convention, it was a bonus to renew friendships with folk who travelled from Brisbane on the bus.

Thanks to all the visitors on the bus who arrived early and gave our learners the experience of dancing with so many different dancers. It was most rewarding to see them enjoying themselves. These functions show the new members the fun and social activities they have awaiting them as full mainstream dancers.

Several of our members have been to the State Square Dance Convention for a busy weekend of calling, dancing and clogging.

I hope the reunion of National Convention travellers went well and all enjoyed meeting up again in Brisbane recently.

Pam Garson
Publicity Officer/Cane Country Squares

Observation and Possible Solutions?

Another two clubs are closing and there is very little being done to reverse this trend. On the other hand we see a bloke start a group without too much assistance. This bloke knew very little about dancing, singing or calling and virtually learned as he went along with some help from two generous retired callers but Pioneer Valley is doing nicely.

Recently we attended a club where the square dancing was kept nice and simple. There were enough present to have couple roundups for four or five sets. How long since your club had the numbers to have roundups? Yes, there was a little line dancing and a little round dancing, a couple of competitions and most dancers were still there at the end of the night. There are three learners, all teenagers I was told.

Is there a lesson to be learned here? Two long standing clubs closing and a couple of simple operating clubs going well. Makes one wonder why the different outcomes?

Most established clubs are doing it tough and some have tried the 'normal' methods of attracting new dancers with results varying from poor to zero new members.

Any static methods of recruiting does not seem to work in this busy life we lead today. We need an active method. We need access to a good number of relaxed people. Next we need a method of attracting peoples attention. Then we are in a situation where we can talk to them and tell them about the fun, friendships and the exercise both physical and mental that are available in square dancing.

Do you think this type of recruiting new dancers would work?

Shopping centres are out. They want to much money and extensive insurance arrangements. Where can we could acquire the above outlined circumstances?

Have you got any bright ideas? WE DO NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS, anonymously if you wish. You have no idea how encouraging it would be to get a few ideas from the readers. Some of us would be tickled pink and all excited. It would be simply great PLEASE!!!!

My address is bottom, right hand side front page of the Bugle. A list of suggestions will be in a future Bugle. NM.

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Wynnum Wheelers

Come and dance with the Wynnum Wheelers on Wednesday 21st November, from 1pm, at the Buffalo Hall, 283 Tingal Road, Wynnum. This will be this clubs final dance. Sadly, after twenty one years of happy times, our membership has dwindled as people have aged, and our club will close.

Eric Wendell first opened the Club at the Leisure Centre in Wynnum in 1986, and we later moved to our present venue, the Buffalo Hall. After Eric passed away in June 1992, Peter Johnson called for us until he was too ill to carry on, then Kay Walker took over for a few years.

Our present caller, Gene Medford makes our Wednesday afternoons very enjoyable.

We thank all the people who have been involved with the Club over the years, and hope to see you on our LAST DANCING DAY.

Regards, Shirley Bell

THANK YOU

I Would Like To Thank Margaret Baines For Getting The Passengers For The Recent Bus Trip To Bundaberg For The Q.C.A Quarterly Meeting And Callers School. Pine Rivers Dancers Are Always Keen When Square Dancing Is Mentioned.

The Motel Put A Nice Breakfast On For 2 Mornings, But Time Was A Bit Early Because Some People Came In Their Pyjamas.

I Would Like To Thank Shirley Kelly And All The Dancers From Cane Country Square Dance Club For Making Us So Welcome. I Do Enjoy Arranging Trips Away When It Gives So Many People Enjoyment. The Next Trip Will Be To Maryborough In August 2008.

Regards
Mary Hutchen



*Square Dancing Society
of Queensland
Invite you to enjoy the*

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
at
YERONGA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Villa Road, Yeronga
ROUND DANCING FROM 7.00 pm
SQUARES from 7.30 pm

Plus Clogging
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE with lots of Prizes
Plus a LUCKY DOOR prize
Admission \$10.00 -
Students/Children \$5.00
Family Ticket \$25.00

Supper will be provided
Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks will be available
throughout the evening for \$1.00 per drink

CALLERS/CUERS applications by November 11th
to
David Pearce 12 Nemira St. Carseldine 4034
or phone (07) 32631408

This event will be hosted by Rambling Eight

TOWN & COUNTRY

This short note is to advise that Town and Country Squares are closing their Thursday club night on the 11th October due to insufficient numbers. All dancers are welcome to attend on our last night. Eight O'clock start, supper will be provided.

Noel and Merle McKenzie

WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says . "HEBREWS"

Memorial Square Dance Held

hosted by the Mackay & District Square Dancing Club

The dancers and members of the Mackay & District Square Dancing Club proudly presented the annual Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance. The venue was the P.C.Y.C. Complex, North Mackay. The talented young Mackay & District Square Dance Club Caller's life was tragically cut short at the age of twenty five, on the 15th July 2004 at Homebush.

The weekend began on Thursday July 12th with a pre-weekend Dinner at the Bistro at the Grand Mercure. Friday 13th saw the Welcome Dance which featured four top Australian Callers, Jason Dean Queensland, Barry Wonson N.S.W., Philip Aslanidis Victoria, and Jeff Seidel South Australia doing the calling. Cued for the Rounds for the weekend was Julie Jensen from Townsville.

A surprise halfway through the evening was the arrival of Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine & Kim. Saturday morning Jerry & Ton, who were featured during the weekend, commenced calling. Saturday afternoon also saw some great dancing, with the two halls being used. At night the two came together in the main hall, which was just phenomenal.

Sunday was the same. Sunday was the main night with the Official guests, and the Dedication to Martin, and the Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance Off. Jerry & Tony sang the American Anthem which followed our Anthem at the start of the evening. At the conclusion of the drawing of the raffles came a total surprise when Jerry & Tony informed dancers of their Pride Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina, 28785 USA, and that there would be a second raffle, and the prize would be a week's vacation at the Pride Resort valued at \$1,000.00. They told the audience all they had to do was get themselves over there. The lucky winner was Kathy Preece, Mackay & District Square Dancing Club.

The dancers for the weekend came from as far away as South Australia. The numbers may have been down, but the weekend didn't lack enthusiasm. Monday saw a Martin Klibbe Memorial Callers Seminar held at the Tommy Webster Memorial Hall at Walkerston, conducted by Jerry & Tony. Monday evening saw a post weekend dinner at Western Suburbs Rugby Leagues Club, Walkerston, followed by the Farewell Dance held at the Tommy Webster Memorial Dance co-hosted by Jeff Seidel and Philip Aslanidis.

Martin was a member of the Australian National Youth Square Dance Council, and also a former Queensland Young Nationals State President. His list of amazing achievements include graduating from the Army reserves in 1997 in Townsville after serving almost five years. In 1999 commenced work for De-Anne Kelly as a Senior Electorate Officer. In 2001 he graduated from the University of Southern Queensland with a degree in Public Relations, Journalism, and Communications. Martin was Campaign Director for State Member for Mirani, Ted Malone and Councillor George Christensen, Mackay City Council in early 2004.

The Mackay & District Square Dancing Club is very privileged to have Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine return for next year's Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance. The 2008 Dance will be held 25/26/27th July.

Our condolences go out to Pam and family on the sad and sudden loss of our adopted dancer Don Gillespie at Bowen on the 23rd of August 2007.

A Thank You weekend featuring Philip Aslanidis from Victoria September 8th/9th commenced with a Minute Silence.

Don Gillespie & Shirley Taylor, along with Sandra & Leighton Bloomfield were the four couples who were lucky enough to have won the Martin Klibbe Dance Off Competition twice.

Others winners for 2007 were June Janes & Graham Lawson, Jenny & Ian Behrendoff. Marg Fuller & Mal Parrington, Corinne Bradshaw & Andy Lown, Terese Gleeson & Martin Janse, Chris & Ross Muller. Jill Eitzen & David Clark from South Australia and Angela Carter & Graham Lawson from Brisbane attended the Thank You Dance featuring Philip Aslanidis from Victoria September 8/9th.

At the Sunday Bar B Q Rockhampton Dancers Laurie Miles, June Dallison & Michael Bowden placed a plaque in the Martin Klibbe Memorial Garden at the Klibbe residence Homebush. The Rockhampton Dancers made the presentation of the tree at the Farewell Dance at the Tommy Webster Memorial Dance 30/7/2004.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
11	Town & Country's Final Springwood dance	3	Moreton Bay Squares Island Day Dance
13	Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Dance	6	Gumdale Melbourne Cup Day
19 - 21	Armidale Spring Festival	10	Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Dance
26	Q.C.A. Gala Dance	10	Harvey Bay Graduation Dance.
26	Salad Bowl Squares Halloween Night	18	Q.C.A. Quarterly Meeting/training session
27	50 th Sunshine State Roundup	21	Wynnum Wheelers Final Dance
29	Up Beat C.h.a.o.s Roaring 20s night	24	Society Christmas Party
31	Tugan's "T" Night	25	Society General Meeting
		30	Ice-cream Night at Salad Bowl Squares

To all Dancers, Leaders & Committees.

Rambling Eights, as hosts for this years Square Dancing Society of Queensland Christmas Party Would like to see all Square and Round dance clubs in Qld. involved in your Societies Christmas Party.

The Christmas Dance Party will be held at Yeronga State High School Villa Rd, Yeronga On Saturday 24th November. Dancing Starts at 7.00pm

Your Club should have received a Flier with details of the final Society Dance for this year. (If you have missed out on the Flier, please contact me and I will forward one to you). You will notice that we have priced the night to include supper and to encourage children and students to join in. Santa could well make a visit with gifts for the youngsters.

As this dance is a important fund raiser for the society, we ask you to do two things:

Firstly please promote and come along to the Party.

Secondly, as a club, please make a donation to the raffle table by sponsoring a prize which will proudly bear your clubs name.

We hope that by doing this, all dancers will feel involved and part of their Society. We look forward to a non-stop program of dancing and fun with top callers and cuers giving their best to make you enjoy your evening.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door and will be drawn before supper.

Please let us know that you are prepared to donate a raffle prize, either by phone to David or Faith Pearce, 32631408 or you may e-mail me at : davidp8@bigpond.net.au Please use a "request read receipt".

Yours in Square Dancing
David Pearce

New Year's Eve Dance

(31st December)

Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.

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

Theme: **"Dancing with the Stars"**

Dress: **Evening wear** *(not square dance)*
Commencing 8pm

Admission; \$6.00 per person.

*Come along and join the party. Not just a square dance; there'll be old time, rounds, all sorts
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