

The Banana Benders Bugle

October 2008

**THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.
AT THE RED CROSS CENTRE., NEWGATE STREET, GREENSLOPES (opposite Hospital)
COMMENCING AT 1 PM. SUNDAY 12TH. OCTOBER
ALL MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.
The agenda is on page 6 of this Bugle.**

The following are a précis of the Society's Management Committee minutes from a meeting 13 July 2008. Please understand that only main points have been reported and the minutes are yet to be confirmed.

SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 13TH.JULY2008

The date for the Sunshine State Round Up was confirmed as 11th October 2008.
The Gala Dance was confirmed by the QCA as on the afternoon of 11th.October.
The theme for the Round Up is Black and White.
Venue was still to be finalized as Coorparoo or Cavendish High School.
Jane Rayner & David Pearce to look at halls & notify the President of their findings.
As previously decided the proceeds and work for the events will be divided 50/50 between the Society and the QCA...
Logan City Square Dance Club will be asked to supply cold drinks afternoon and evening.
Function Coordinator will help with the decorations, sound and any other items.
Function Co-ordinator empowered to use Society Letterhead re Society matters.
The Club volunteer to supply and serve the supper will retain any financial benefit from this service. They shall also arrange Round Up raffle with these profits going to the Society.
The Q.C.A will arrange the raffle for the Gala dance.
Coffee & Tea will be cost free to dancers.
Recommend Entry fee \$10.00 night \$8.00 Afternoon.
All points confirmed on a majority vote.

The Society to adopt the same sound equipment hire charges as stipulated in the QCA Handbook...
Flyers for the Round Up and Christmas Party will be arranged by the Function Co-ordinator.
Venue for the Christmas Party to be confirmed.

President offered Congratulations to Sandra & Leighton Bloomfield on their National Society of Australia Roll of Honour Award. All joined in the congratulations.
Report from the National Square Dance Society of Australia was presented by Sandra Leighton
Accepted
The Banana Benders Bugle editor, Noel Miller to be reimbursed for cost of producing the Bugle. He will supply cost per invoice.

Reports were received from the Country Regions Co-ordinator, Julie Jenson, Central Queensland, Shirley Kelly, Bugle Editor, Noel Miller, National Square Dance Society of Australia and the Queensland Society Executive Assistant, Sandra Bloomfield.

New Bylaw Laws were considered.
Next meeting 12th.Ocotber 2008 2pm.
Meeting closed 4.15pm

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CLUB NEWS

Moreton Bay Square Dance Club.

We are looking forward to greeting everyone at our final big dance of the year on Saturday 4th October, 10am -2pm at the usual place, Russell Island Recreation Hall. The ferries leave from Banana St. Jetty, Redland Bay, approx. every half hour from 9.30am. Buy your return ticket at the office beside the waiting area before boarding as there are no return tickets sold on the boat. Tickets are available at pension concession rate should you qualify.

Don't forget this is an 'Island-style' dance so come in you grass skirt and lei, etc. and get in the swing of things (no bikinis or speedos please!!). For the bargain price of \$10.00 you will gain entry and a sit-down sumptuous lunch served round about noon, and of course your choice of drinks from arrival onwards.

Noel McKenzie will organise visiting Callers into a comprehensive programme of Mainstream with some Beginners and Plus thrown in. So come along one and all! You know you always have a great time with we 'island-dwellers'.

Contact Patsy May (3409 5576) for more info.

TUGUN News

Tugun Twirlers have been fortunate in enjoying the calling of Barry Wonson for a night and then Charles Watson for a couple of very enjoyable nights dancing until he fell ill. The flu has taken its toll on the Club this winter, but Spring in the air and numbers are picking up.

Frances Hickson will commence calling for the Club on the 1st October. We are having a party night to welcome Frances to Tugun Twirlers. The new format is learning Rounds 6.30-7.30pm, Mainstream squares till 9.00pm, Supper then learning Plus.

Some members looking forward to Russell Island party this month.

Yours in Dancing
Corinne Bradshaw

PINE RIVERS

The year is literally racing by but we still have 2 big dances before the year is out. Please mark your calendars now so they are not forgotten.

Our next normal 5th Saturday is on 29th November and the theme is "Dancing with a Difference". As mentioned in our last report there will be a 'surprise wedding'. This will commence at 7p.m. with the dancing starting at 7.30 until 11p.m. Come along early and see who is about to 'take the plunge'.

We will also be holding a "New Year's Eve" dance this year. The last couple of years our dance has been held a day or two before hand but this year we will be back to 31st December. Please mark your calendars for this, you won't want to miss it.

We hope to see lots of dancers at this year's Gala Dance and Sunshine State Roundup. We will again have an entrant in the Amateur Callers' Competition, and we wish all contestants the very best.

Jan Hay

The Happy Trails Square Dance Club

will be holding a special dance to celebrate Halloween at the Meals on Wheels hall in Queen Street, Southport on Thursday morning October 30th. We dance from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM. If you are free on that morning wear a mask and bring a plate and join us for some fun dancing!

Fred Ellis

Carina Carousels

would like to congratulate Gordon Ross who will be turning ninety on Thursday 30th October.

Gordon is still doing some dancing at Carina, and we think this is a great achievement, so we are going to have a bring-a-plate dance on that day as a tribute to Gordon. Please join us to help celebrate this happy occasion.

REMEMBER: Carina Seniors, 1 Edmond Street, Carina from 1 p.m. on 30th Oct.

Phone Shirley 3324 9482.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Our travelling Caller, Shirley Kelly, has returned and is feeling refreshed. Welcome back.

Another travelling Caller, Frank Kennedy from Victoria, entertained our Club with his style of calling recently.

Two sets danced and swayed to his "golden oldies" music. How long is it since you have heard yodelling? Frank included some yodelling in his calls. He tested us on some very basic moves with his sequences of "Swing Through" followed by "Circulate" – four times. We did improve throughout the night but no matter how hard we tried, we couldn't be back in our home base ready to "Alamande Left" with our corner. He nicknamed the movement "Bundy Rum" as he was calling in Bundaberg. It was a lot of fun.

Our learners were challenged with a different caller and some new moves, but overall they enjoyed the night.

A delicious supper ended a very happy evening. The smiles on faces throughout the night said it all.

Pam Garson

CLUB NEWS

REMINDER TO THOSE WISHING TO LEARN TO ROUND DANCE

A BOOT CAMP WILL BE HELD AT THE SQUARE DANCE CENTRE, BUDERIM ON THE EEEK END OF NOVEMBER 1ST. AND 2ND.

FOR FULL DETAILS PLEASE READ SEPTEMBER 2008 BUGLE OR CONTACT

BEV McLACHLAN Phone 5445 1238,
Email NevBevMcLachlan@bigpond.com.

Rambling 8's Camp

Dancers are encouraged to send in their registrations for this camp early to secure a bed and tell their dancing friends about the camp if they have been before. The email address is www.ramblingeights.org and it has been updated to include a camp registration form and some more details about the camp.

Friday nights have been going well over the past few weeks and the newer dancers are coming along well. The younger dancers have very busy lives and find it difficult to attend every week but progress is good.

It was a privilege to have Nessie and Sarah visit us for a couple of weeks. These two young ladies are a good advertisement for the "FUN" they have at some of their German Club dances.

Our Christmas Party is set down for 28th November. This will allow dancers to attend more of the Family and Business commitments that come around each year and still get to their Square Dance Club party night.

Our end of the year outing will be on Saturday 6th December. This will be a cruise with dinner on the Brisbane River. Hazel is collecting names for this event.

Noel & Merle will be looking after the Friday nights while David and Faith are on holidays. Dancers are welcome to visit any week.

Our last dance for the year will be on 12th December, we get going again 7th February.

All the best
David

Salad Bowl Squares

Dancers continue to enjoy dancing with Kay Walker calling, although numbers were a little light last Friday. Some of the Club's dancers attended the NSW State Convention in Port Macquarie earlier on in the month and thoroughly enjoyed the weekend.

Chris and Helen Heyworth dashed down to Tamworth for an afternoon and evening of dancing with Alan Evans and the local Club – Cloverleaf Dancers. With an Hawaiian theme, the bright floral outfits were in order.

September's theme night is International Food Night, whilst October is themed for Halloween on October 31 from 7.30pm. There will be lots of witches and warlocks out, with dancing being both Mainstream and Plus –

all are welcome.

Chris Heyworth

B'N'M. Squares

We are doing our place up with Christmas Lights and we would like to invite you to come and dance with us in December (under the Christmas Lights) to help show people what square dance is (and hopefully get them interested in joining this fun activity).

We are going to open our place every night from the 1st to the 24th of December from 7-9pm and have square dancing on and would love for you to come along and have fun with us.

There will be no charge for dancing but we will have a donation box for the "Make A Wish Fountain" that we are supporting. Feel free to bring something little along for supper.

We'll have a big party on Christmas Eve, the 24th, but more information to come. If there is anything more you would like to know about this feel free to drop me a line

squarescott@hotmail.com

Our home is 30 Hellen Street, Bald Hills 4036. So if you are free please come along and have fun with the McKenzies and others.

Yours in Square Dancing, Scott McKenzie (trainee)
caller of B'N'M Squares

A prudent Question is one half of Wisdom.

Francis Bacon.

A Friend is Someone Who Understands Your Past, Believes in You Future and Accepts You Just As You Are.

Anonymous.

Never Interrupt Your Enemy When He Is Making A Mistake.

N. Bonaparte

Insanity: Doing The Same Thing Over And Over Again And Expecting Different Results.

Albert Einstein

Success Is Getting What You Want.

Happiness is Wanting What You Get.

Dave Gardner.

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

BEEN THERE, done that! What was it?

This year's National Clogging Convention in Sydney of course- and truly, what a party it was! Organisation, accommodation, catering, the dance floor and the enjoyment of just being there were all simply marvellous.

SHOWCASE WINNER? **QUEENSLANDER!!** Beautifully performed to a dance routine wonderfully choreographed by Edith Sandy to 'Dancing On A Saturday Night'. CONGRATULATIONS ALL ROUND!!

The new ACA Inc. Executive Committee for the next twelve months is: President Kay Speyer, Immediate Past president Deborah Selby, vice-President Frances Look O.A.M., Secretary Kathy Hedger, Treasurer Jan Collins, Public Officer Erica Mann. All Other Contacts stay the same as previously.
State Representatives- W.A. Lorraine Taylor; VIC: Lindsay Rogers; QLD: Stephen Hope; ACT: Lorraine Peisley; SA: Michael Carroll; NSW: Marilyn Lambden; TAS: Philip Farry; NZ: Jean Watford.

Well, with this year's National Convention another milestone in the many success stories of Australian Clogging, our thoughts will now turn to 2009.

Next year's National Clogging Convention will be at the Exhibition Centre, Cannington, Perth, from the 11th to the 14th June.

The 50th National Square Dance Convention will be held in Perth a week earlier.

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS, PERTH, IT'S GOING TO BE QUITE A FORTNIGHT.

Wednesday 1st October will see the 'Get Rhythm Dance Team' back on stage as part of a very talented line-up of entertainers at the Brisbane City Hall celebrating International Seniors' Day. Time? 12:30 start in the Main Auditorium. Entry is free.

The Clogging community extends our sincerest sympathy to Del Mercer and her family on the recent loss of her husband and their father and grandfather, Bob.

Bob & Del are widely known in the Square Dance world with Del also being a long-time Clogger.

Recipe for a happy life- Live, love, laugh and dance!

See you soon,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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HEAR AND THERE

MEMORIES & CELEBRATIONS-

August was a CLASSIC month for this.

Ev Johnson organised and presented a Memorial Dance for her late life partner and Square Dance pal, Peter. A wonderful afternoon and evening of friendship and Square, Round and Line Dancing was enjoyed by those who attended.

Thanks to Ev and all your helpers and ALL who attended and participated. Memories and celebrations really flowed.

Peter was a wonderful, happy fellow and Square Dance Caller who started the Salad Bowl Swingers in the Cleveland & Redlands area- a very happy and well attended Club.

One of their Annual Festival Dances was the "Strawberry Festival", and YES, strawberries were DEFINATELY on the menu along with many happy faces and MOUTHS full of lovely fresh strawberries- what a time of Celebrations, and now Memories.

The 2008 Redlands Area Strawberry Festival has just been celebrated. Peter and Ev and the Salad Bowl Swingers were always ready and involved to promote and assist in our wonderful activity.

At the end of August Salad Bowl Squares held their annual Birthday celebration, this year being their thirty eighth! Yet again a wonderful night of friendship and dancing was shared by all who attended.

Yes, Memories will always encourage Celebrations, and Celebrations always encourage Memories.

Thank you Peter and Ev for your foresight and participation.

GRAHAM BRANDON

VALE- BOB MERCER

Robert William (Bob) Mercer was born in July 1929, and started Square Dancing in 1950. It has only been in the last few years, due to health reasons, that he stopped being an active Square Dancer, instead becoming the "Cashier" on the door at Bar-K-Circle-W Club's weekly dances in Brisbane.

Bob and Del met at their place of employment and started Square Dancing together in 1950. They became Competition Square Dancers, winning the Queensland Championships in 1954, the same year they were wed.

The Mercers and their three young daughters attended the National Square Dance Convention in Perth in 1971 driving all the way from Brisbane, with Bob and Del continuing to travel to, and support National Conventions ever since.

Bob had held the positions of Club President and Treasurer of Bar-K, and is a Life Member of that Club.

Known for his dry wit and unique sense of humour, he was a strong supporter of his Club and Square Dancing in general.

The Square Dancing community of Queensland extend to Del, daughters Gail, Lynda and Leah, and granddaughters Sabina and Grace, our deepest sympathy in your sad loss, a loss shared by all of Bob's friends.

"But we know that nothing that is loved is ever lost, and no one who has ever touched a heart can really pass away, because some beauty lingers on in each memory of which they've ever been a part".

From 'The Lily' by Ellen Brenneman.

VALE --- DAVID ROGERS

Many dancers were shocked at the news of the sudden death of David.

David was a prominent member of Gumdale Grandsliders for many years. He served the Club as President and then Secretary collectively in excess of ten years. Before his health became a problem he was actively involved in general square dance activities. He was a very regular Club representative at Queensland Square Dancing Society meetings and was one of the members to participate in the drafting of the present Constitution.

His injured back curtailed his physical involvement but he willingly applied his mind for the betterment of square dancing.

He regularly spent time chasing information for the Bugle and any other aspect of our dancing activity. He had a very handy knowledge of Incorporation and he lead Gumdale through Incorporation several years ago.

Our regular long chats on the 'phone and the odd cup of coffee are going to be sorely missed.

David was a really good bloke who had it tough in the latter years of his life.

Rest in Peace.

Noel Miller.

SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.

Dear Members,

Please be advised that the next **General Meeting** of the Society will be held on **Sunday 12th October 2008** at Red Cross Centre, Newgate Street, Greenslopes (opposite Hospital) commencing at **1pm**.

The agenda is as follows;

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Apologies and Naming of Proxies
3. Minutes of last meeting and business arising therefrom
4. Correspondence In and Out and business arising therefrom
5. Reports
6. Treasurer's Report and business arising therefrom
7. Special Business
 - (i) Number of general meetings per year
 - (ii) Set date for future Sunshine State Roundups
 - (iii) Find a Society Secretary
 - (iv) Find a Society Publicity/Promotions Officer
 - (v) Set 2009 Calendar dates
8. General Business
9. Meeting closure and date of next general meeting.

Yours sincerely
Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

Jane Rayner

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 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 1st.

Yours in Square Dancing
David Pearce (Functions & Events Coordinator)

Requests of the Bugle and a little information.

Web Sites, Small Print, Club Lists And Inexpensive Copying

I have had a few requests to publish the web address of any Queensland club who happens to have a web site. I will do this in the November edition. If your club has a website, please send the information to the Bugle ASAP.

Small print.

I have run into a few people who tell me they can't read the Bugle as the print is too small.

When the Bugle leaves here each page is A4 size, about the same, roughly, as the old foolscap size page. At this point the print size is about the same as a normal newspaper, if not a little larger.

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Please read the final paragraph in this article for a possible solution to any printing-off concerns.

Another request has been for a list of all Queensland Clubs to go in the Bugle.

I will do this EVERY NOW AND THEN. This information sheet will come out as a separate couple of pages that can be put aside for future reference.

The Bugle only goes out electronically as an A4 page size. Therefore we have to keep the publication down to about 10 -12 pages maximum out of consideration for those reproducing this newsletter.

If you want your club's/group's information included, please supply the following information before the end of October. This is for all Square Dance Clubs/Groups in Queensland regardless of whether your organisation is normally involved with the 'larger' picture of Square Dancing in Queensland.

Information to be included on the Queensland Square Dancing list:

Club Name. Where the club/group normally dances.

(This is the actual street number & name, suburb and hall/institution name).

Caller's name. Level of dancing

When the organisation dances these various levels.

A contact phone number. Website (if the Club has one).

If you have any suggestions about the information to be included, please contact the Editor ASAP. Please remember all this info has to fit across a page so there is a limit to what can be included.

And lastly, do you know that for the price of the blank paper (about \$5.60 per 550 pages) you can get the Bugle reproduced at your local MP's office? This has been the case for awhile. Some Clubs do this and charge the members a small price to help their Club's finances. There is a small area on the front page, bottom RH where the name of the person who offers this service can be included. This is important. Such a service deserves to be recognised for helping the local Club.

Noel Miller

A Council Officer and Department of Water representative stopped at a farm and talked with its owner.

He told the Farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for your water allocation."

The old man said, "OK, but don't go in that field over there."

The Water representative said, "Mister, I have the authority of the Council and Government with me. See this card?

The card means I am allowed to go WHEREVER I WISH on any agricultural land. No questions asked or answered.

Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

The old Farmer nodded politely and went about his chores.

Later, he heard loud screams and saw the Water Rep running for the fence; close behind was the farmer's huge-horned prize bull. The bull was gaining with every step. The Rep was clearly terrified, so the old farmer immediately threw down his tools, ran to the fence and shouted out...

"Your card! Your card! Show him your card!"

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EZ SQUARES CABOOLTURE

CELEBRATING OUR 18TH BIRTHDAY

WITH A

CELTIC NIGHT

Date: 11th November 2008

Time: 7:30pm – 10:00pm

Venue: C J Williams Building Caboolture Showgrounds

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Dancing until your feet hurt!

Every One WELCOME!

Come dressed in your kilts – orange and green – or as your favourite Irish or Scottish persona.

Supper Provided/Raffles Contact Kaye Clouston for further details:

Mobile: 0438142204

Ravens Hoedowners

Join us for our **Annual Dance** with the theme: **70 Disco.**

Saturday, November 1st. 7.30—10.30 Festival Hall, Ravenshoe.

\$5 Dancers \$15 Families.

David Smith Ph. 4096 6557 Email dsmith@c130.aone.net.au

Accommodation: Ravenshoe Visitors Centre 4097 7700.

Hotel Tully Falls 4097 6136

Club Hotel Motel 4097 6109

Kool Moon Motel 4097 6407



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SALAD BOWL SQUARES INVITES YOU TO**

HALLOWEEN

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31

From 7.30pm

ST JAMES ANGLICAN HALL

STATION ST WELLINGTON POINT