

The <sup>Banana</sup> Benders **BUGLE**

October 2012

**SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.**

# **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2012**

**Lions Hall ~ Lawnton Showgrounds**

**757 Gympie Road, Lawnton.**

**Rounds - 7.00 p.m. ~ Squares - 7.30 p.m.**

Admission

\$10.00 per dancer

\$8.00 (Member Discount)

All Callers and Cuers are invited to register for the programme. Please contact:

Gary Petersen on 0403 240 129 or email - [gary@garoyda.com.au](mailto:gary@garoyda.com.au)

Registrations close on 24th October 2012.

(Please note that an application to Call or Cue does not imply acceptance for programming.)

***Please bring a plate for Supper  
Tea & Coffee will be provided***

ALL ENQUIRIES

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## STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

With a splendid roll-up of over 300 Cloggers, the 17<sup>th</sup> ACA Australian National Clogging Convention gave the city of Adelaide a right jolly along in the 'let's have fun' spirit which is so much a part of Clogging.

The Banner Parade started off the formal proceedings with each of our Clubs from all over receiving applause and encouragement.

The guest Cuer, Simone Nichols Pace from South Carolina, USA, put in a wonderfully entertaining and instructive effort, as did all the Leaders who cued during the weekend.

Simone was accompanied by her father, Bill Nichols who is considered in the international dance community to be the 'Grandfather of Clogging'.

Bill addressed the Teachers' and Instructors' Meeting on the history of Clogging, along with Queensland's own Edith Sandy.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to the organising Committee and their many helpers for a top-notch Convention.

During the Convention, I was honoured by being inducted into the Australian Clogging Association's Hall of Fame.

I feel very proud joining other members of the Clogging community who are also members of the Hall of Fame. I had not the faintest clue that I was to receive the award. President Jenny Neal and the Executive Committee sure know how to keep a secret.

The 'Showcase' award, by a majority of votes, went to South Australia's entrant 'Play That Country Music', an Intermediate dance choreographed by the talented Irmgard Huddy. Congratulations, Irmgard- well done!

Thanks to Dell Sutcliffe for doing a fine job choreographing 'Goodnight' as Queensland's entry in the 'Showcase'.

The ACA Executive Committee for 2012 – 2013 is: President Jenny Neal, Vice-President Nina Annand, Secretary Cathy Beitzel, Treasurer Denise Jenkins.

Sincerest thanks to Kingsley and Jasmine Dawes as the retiring Secretary and Treasurer respectfully, for the sterling effort you both put into your roles on behalf of the ACA and our members.

Dell Sutcliffe has retired as Queensland State Representative having served her three year term. Dell, your work on behalf of Queensland's dancers was greatly appreciated by all. Queensland's new State Representative is yours truly. If I can help you with any

With the Adelaide Convention over, our thoughts are being directed at next year's National Clogging Convention which will be staged in Queanbeyan, no more than a few Clogging steps away from Canberra.

**A SUGGESTION-** start organising your accommodation now even though the 18<sup>th</sup> National is not on until 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

The 2013 New Zealand Clogging Convention will be held in Auckland on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Jean Watford, our dear friend from across the Tasman, will happily supply all details. Contact Jean for full information at [jwatford@clear.net.nz](mailto:jwatford@clear.net.nz)

The YWCA Lawton branch has invited the 'Get Rhythm Dance Team' to put on a demonstration of Clogging for their members and supporters.

The Australian Gymnastics & Dance Academy has issued an invitation to the 'Get Rhythm Dance Team', which we readily accepted, to come along on the 15<sup>th</sup> October to be part of their 'Showcase Extravaganza' to be held at the Hercules Road State School at Kippa-ring.

**PINK RIBBON DAY** is on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, with merchandise stalls in various Shopping Centres seeking your support on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds for vital Cancer research. Please help.

Best wishes to you all,  
Frances  
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### CANE COUNTRY SQUARES BUNDABERG

Unfortunately due to Family commitments Nev and Bev McLachlan are unable to call for us on 13th and 14th October.

Fortunately David Smythe from the Sunshine Coast has agreed to call for us instead.

So if you would like to hear David call please come to Bundaberg on 13th and 14th October.

We will be hosting a Halloween night on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Our theme is black and white.

On Nov. 16 we are holding a Rock 'n' Roll Charity Bowl night. Our profit for the night will be donated to a local charity

AMENDMENT.

List of Callers and Cues who contributed to the 2012 Gala Dance and Sunshine State Roundup. (Sorted alphabetically on first names. )

Alan Evans

David Pearce

Dawn Keenan (amateur caller)

Gary Petersen

Glenn Wilson

Graham Brandon

Kay Walker

Ken McCullough (amateur caller)

Lynette McPherson

Margaret Baines

Noel McKenzie

Paula Armstrong

Notice in a field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO  
CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE,  
BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

## Did you read the article in the Sunday Mail recently?

It was headed "Exercise **Good for the mind**, staving off dementia could be as easy as a walk in the park". They may have added "or doing Square Dancing". Yes! That's correct. Alzheimer's Australia says new research shows keeping the brain active with physical exercise, music; card games and socialising can decrease your risk of developing dementia.

Isn't this what we, as Square Dancers have been promoting? (Not necessarily Card Games), but all the rest.

The nationwide health campaign calls for Australians to be "brain healthy" and prevent the onset of dementia. The organisation is encouraging all Australians to learn new skills and participate in activities that stimulate the mind and the body.

"Challenging the brain with new activities helps build new brain cells and strengthens connections between them".

Thank you Alzheimer's Australia. We agree with the research. Let's use this information when we are recommending our activity to others.

# Rambling Eights Happy Halloween Party

*You are invited to*

*Join us for our Halloween Theme Dance Party*

October 26<sup>th</sup>

St. Pius Hall – Golda Ave. Salisbury

**Dancing from 7.30 pm**

Admission \$6.00 – Children/Students \$3.00

Contributions to Supper will be appreciated

Visiting Callers and Cues are Welcome



**Happy Halloween**



**Thank you** to the Executive Committee and all members of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland, the Square Dance Society of New South Wales, the many Clubs, Callers and Square Dancers from Queensland and interstate for letters, cards, phone calls and beautiful flowers we received when Bill passed away.

Messages of sympathy from fellow Callers of the Western Australia Callers' Association, Australian Callers' Federation and Callerlab, America were also of great comfort.

Beth, Malcolm, Tammy & Family.

Tough Old Cowboy.

A tough old cowboy from Oklahoma counseled his grandson that, if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gun powder on his oatmeal every morning. Following his grandfather's advice, the grandson did this religiously to the age of 103. When he died, he left 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, 25 great-great grandchildren, and a 15-foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

**SALAD BOWL SQUARES**  
Square Dance Club  
Mainstream & Plus  
St James Anglican Church Hall  
17-19 Station Street, Wellington Point  
Friday Evenings at 7:30 pm  
Special Theme Nights for 2012

**26 OCTOBER**  
**ICE CREAM & BEACH WEAR**

**30 NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**07 DECEMBER LAST DANCE (A.G.M.)**

Salad Bowl Squares is a Committee run club  
For information  
contact Bev Brandon 07 3286 2260 - baob@tpg.com.au  
or Terri Warner 07 3829 2909 - terriw46@hotmail.com

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## Rockhampton Square Dancing Clubs

**Rocky Twirlers- Callers: Michael Mills**

**Capricorn Waves- Bevan Titmarsh**

Our Club dances on Monday and Wednesday, and along with learners on Friday evenings are a lot of fun. It is good to see the group of young Square Dancers enjoying themselves; they are our next up and coming Mainstream dancers.

Our dance nights start with Rounds, then we get into Mainstream, Plus and A1.

Our Clubs are busy preparing for our Birthday weekend Square Dance on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October; the theme is "Guns and Roses" There will be sessions on the Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening and Sunday morning, followed by a Barbecue lunch. If you would like to join us we would love to see you at the Rockhampton Square Dance Centre.

We have enjoyed the company of Frank Kennedy calling on the Wednesday nights for the Capricorn Waves dance night. Frank has been in Rockhampton for 2 months and we look forward to him coming back again next year.

A group of our Square Dancers are preparing to travel to Hervey Bay by bus for the State Convention.

## QCA Convention HBay 20/9/12

On the road again, off to another Square Dance event, ready to dance and catch up with our friends at the **32<sup>nd</sup> QCA State Square Dance Convention.**

Here are a few reminders:

Convention Bags can be collected Thursday 2-4pm, Friday 1-4pm and each night from 6pm at the Great Hall, Beach Road, Pialba.

Please bring your own mug or make sure you take one when picking up your Convention Bag.

Tea & Coffee is FREE, on tap, all weekend

Food and cold drinks will be for sale at the Great Hall; a pre-order menu is in with Le Bag.

Bring \$\$- QCA 2013 is doing a \$40. - Weekend special. (Ask non-going friends if they want to register for 2013).

There'll be stalls with Shoes, Clothing & Accessories.

There are 2 Double Whale Watching passes in the raffles. Allow enough time to use them in case you win.

Pack extra shoes, not as pretty but more comfy ones; your feet will be grateful. (5 nights & 4 days for some!)

Hervey Bay is looking forward to welcoming you to our special piece of dirt by the sea. Have a safe trip.

More info on 2012 at: [squaredancingherveybay.com.au](http://squaredancingherveybay.com.au)



## *Rambling Eights*

Last Dance for the Year

**FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**ST PIUS ~ Golda Ave. Salisbury**

***You are invited to join us for our Christmas Break Up party***

**Dancing from 7.30 pm**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLES AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

**Admission \$6.00 Children/Students \$3.00**

**Visiting Dancers need not bring supper however any contributions will be appreciated**

**Visiting Callers and Cuers are Welcome**

## Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

Hello from Hervey Bay, how many sleeps? You'll be tired of hearing about this QCA State Convention. Something we would like to share about organising such an event. We are a tiny club, less than 30 members, mostly dancing with 1 1/2 to 2 squares, perhaps 3-4 on a Caller's night. Many of our members are elderly; we have 6 over 80, only 2 below 50. None of us had done this before. Yet, we accepted to host the 2012 Convention.

Now it is nearly upon us we stand stronger as a Club. We have knitted ourselves as we progressed with the preparations. We've held working bees, sourced skills, dragged in friends and family as resources, debated, argued, learned heaps, gone for lunches & coffees to relax or nut out more details, hugged to apologise for outbursts, danced to ease the strain, changed plans, found talents we didn't know we had and laughed a lot.

We've gone out into the Hervey Bay community to rustle up support and to spread the word of Square Dancing. We found loads of support; we made friends along the way and set straight a few misconceptions about Square Dancing as we went.

We would like to encourage any Club to give it a bash. It is a great vehicle for pulling people together, get them involved again and make them feel they belong. The actual jobs don't require large numbers, just teamwork and a willingness to chip in. To anybody considering the 2014, we'll be more than happy to share and pass on anything which might be useful or informative. Just drop us a line.

We certainly hope that all who come to the Bay to 'Dance & Play' will have a Whale of a time. It has been our pleasure to put it together for you.

Remember that our Club Night of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and our Monday PLUS night has been moved to the Great Hall on Beach road and will be a mix of Mainstream & PLUS. We look forward to welcoming many of you to Hervey Bay in a day or two. We are sorry to miss some of you because of ill health; we send best wishes for a speedy recovery. To those on the trail, safe travels, enjoy the scenery and the lovely Spring weather.

TEACHER : Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD : A teacher.

## Rambling Eights – Calendar of Events

October 19<sup>th</sup> No Dance (Armidale Weekend)  
October 26<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Theme Party Night  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – Kookaburra Queen Cruise  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> –Amateur Callers' Night  
November 30<sup>th</sup> – Friends Night, Open Invitation to prospective dancers  
December 7<sup>th</sup> – Last Dance for 2012 (Christmas Party) In the new Hall behind our regular Hall.

**Friday 2nd November** at Logan City Square Dance Hall, 161A Magnesium Drive.

**Saturday 3rd November** at Caningeraba School Hall, Whistler Drive, Burleigh Waters.

**Saturday afternoon sessions - 2.-4.30pm** Alternating Mainstream & Plus Workshops, 4.30-5pm Full Plus

**Saturday Evening session: - 7pm Mainstream.**

## Rounds Workshop at Hervey Bay

**News, News, News** - for anyone living at the Fraser Coast. There will be a full day **Round Dance Workshop** held on **Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>** at Dan Dinna House, 459 Boat Harbour Drive, Torquay from **10am till 4pm.**

This has been organised by the Hervey Bay Square Dance Club as a follow-up on the Introduction to Rounds by Bev McLachlan on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of Sept. If you have forgotten, this Introduction was at the Great Hall, 1.30pm-4pm, as part of the QCA Square Dance Convention.

Paula and Warwick Armstrong will be presenting this workshop. There will be a variety of rhythms and will give a strong base to carry on with Round Dancing in the area. Depending on the numbers, Hervey Bay is considering adding Round Dancing to their program.

All those interested, check at the Convention or visit [squaredancingherveybay.com.au](http://squaredancingherveybay.com.au) in early October.

Irish Predicament

Drunk Ole Mulvihill (From the Northern Irish Clan) staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional box, sits down, but says nothing.

The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but Ole Mulvihill just sits there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall.

The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either."

Graceville Sea Scouts,  
Simpsons Playground,  
cnr Nadine St. and  
Graceville Ave.

## Graceville



\$6 per dance or \$10  
for both dances.  
Maximum of two  
entrysts per family

Tea and coffee  
provided



# KAY WALKER DANCE DAY

MS 11:00-1:00 PLUS 1:30-3:30  
Sunday 13th January 2013



Simpsons Playground,  
has BBQ facilities, tables,  
toilets etc. A great place to  
have lunch. Next to the River  
and Oxley Creek.

For more information  
contact Kay 32028723  
Aaron 33780825 or visit  
[www.kaysclubs.com](http://www.kaysclubs.com) for a map

### Rambling Eights Camp 2013 - Registration Form

CAMP DATES: March 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge

COST: ADULTS: \$130.00

CHILDREN (under 18 yrs) \$75.00

This includes accommodation and all meals from Saturday Breakfast to Sunday Lunch.

Please include \$50.00 deposit per person with your registration. Balance by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Deposit paid:-..... Date:-..... Receipt No. (.....)

Units have en-suites and accommodate up to six people. If you like to share with a particular group of friends; we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

NAME/S

ADDRESS

Post Code

PHONE

We are happy to Share with: .....

Special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian)

**WAIVER: I agree to hold the organisers of the Rambling Eights Club Camp, their agents and families, harmless of any suits, claims and demands of any kind and character arising out of and in conjunction with this event.**

All campers who register please sign this form:- .....

We will have a limit to our total numbers, so please register early

Registrations to: Faith Pearce, 12 Nemira St. Carseldine. Qld. 4034

Please make cheques payable to: RAMBLING EIGHTS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Electronic Funds Transfer please use: BSB 638-080. Acc No. 9955100 include your name as reference on transfer.

Enquiries Phone 07 3263 1408

Or e-mail to [davidp8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:davidp8@bigpond.net.au)

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING.  
COME TO THE PARTY  
CARINA CAROUSELS  
INVITE YOU**

**To THE SENIORS' HALL  
1 EDMOND STREET, CARINA  
From 1pm Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.  
A plate for afternoon tea would be appreciated.**

*It's Hip to be Square'  
"Hippie" New Year  
'Square Dance Party'  
Caller, Gary Petersen*

**Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre**

**260 Dixon Road BUDERIM {off Sunshine M/way}**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

**\* 7ish set your table, BYO deco's**

**\* dancing 8 till Late; \* Cost > \$8-00**

**\* Basic, Mainstream and Plus**

**\* (B.Y.O. Drinks and Nibblies)**

**\*\* Bottomless Tea, Coffee and Cold Water Supplied \*\***

**{Prizes, Best Dressed, Best Table and Lucky Doors}**

A few minutes before the church services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't" said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan.

**PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS**

As the year is drawing to an end, our numbers have been picking up. We have had a lot of ill health this year, but we are now regularly dancing 3 sets again, and what a difference it makes.

We have had another couple of new dancers start in the past 6 weeks and they are really enjoying it. As well as these ladies, two former dancers (from the 60's) have returned to join us on a Tuesday afternoon.

Just a small number of our dancers, along with Margaret and I, will have been to the Convention by the time this edition is distributed, and I know that the dancers of Hervey Bay will have something special for all dancers during the course of the weekend.

As I have previously mentioned we will be holding a "Pre New Year's Eve Dance" on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2012, which will free up New Year's Eve for other activities.

Our final Club dance for 2012 will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We resume on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Happy dancing,

Jan

"Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical agony for all eternity?", persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?", asked Satan. "Nope."

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

## WHAT SQUARE DANCE CLUB IS THIS?

The Club was started by Eric Wendell in the early 1980s, and after some years it was run by John Casey who passed it over to Kay Walker in about 1998 and she is the current principal Caller. For several years Gene Medford also called at the Club but on a different day from Kay. Now the Club operates just one dance weekly with Gene calling on one Tuesday of the month and Kay calling on the other Tuesdays.

The Club is currently located in one of its many temporary venues over the last few years: on level three of Roy Harvey House at 157 Ann St. in the city, near to Central Railway Station. In February 2013 the Club should be moving back to its original location, The Brisbane City Hall, which is coming to the end of its multi-million dollar refurbishment. A very impressive project, and a tour of the site is well worth the effort.

I am referring to the Brisbane City Council's Fifty Plus Club. Square Dancing is one of the many activities offered. There used to be a problem when joining but I don't think it affects too many Square Dancers today, i.e. the minimum joining age is fifty.

On Tuesdays at 10:00 am there are fifty-something to eighty-something year old dancers enjoying Mainstream and Plus delivered by Kay or Gene. We stop about 11:00 am for a few minutes for a chat and a cuppa. Some make it their lunch break; then at midday, after the dance, they stay to play indoor bowls, head off to a concert or go shopping.

You are most welcome to join us; any level or experience and the dancing is not too hectic.

More information may be obtained by visiting the B.C.C. website and searching for "Fifty Plus", or by contacting Kay on 07 3202 8723 or [kay@kaysclubs.com](mailto:kay@kaysclubs.com)

Aaron Hoppe

After a very busy day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes as the train departed Montreal for Hudson. As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart it's Eric, I'm on the train – yes, I know it's the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting – no, honey, not with that floozie from the accounts office, with the boss.

No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life – yes, I'm sure, cross my heart" etc., etc. Fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly, when the young woman sitting next to him, who was obviously angered by his continuous diatribe, yelled at the top of her voice: "Hey, Eric, turn that stupid phone off and come back to bed!"

Eric doesn't use his phone on the train now.

### Irish Fire Insurance

A man and his wife moved back home to Cork from London.

The wife had a wooden leg and to insure it in Britain was £2,000.00 a year!

When they arrived in Cork, they went to an Insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure the wooden leg.

The agent looked it up on the computer and said to the couple, '€39.00'.

The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in Ireland to insure, because it cost him £2,000.00 in England!

The agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, 'Well, here it is on the screen. It says: \*any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is €39.00.\*'

I always did find the Irish Logic far superior than most others.

## Queensland Callers' Association

The QCA have been working hard over the past 2 years to improve the sound quality at QCA and Society Dances. We have set 'Sound Guidelines' and 'Requirements for Sound Set Up' at these Functions which include the QCA 'Gala Dance', SDS of Qld Inc. 'Sunshine State Roundup' and QCA State Conventions. Glenn Wilson and I have been overseeing the process and are continually trying to improve the sound quality for the dancers.

With the advent of Callers turning 'Digital' {i.e. Laptops}, we are finding that we are having many issues on stage with live leads causing problems; volume levels that Callers music is recorded at; knowledge of the equipment being used; and the list seems to go on and on.

One answer is that the QCA needs to provide more Caller Training Sessions on the use of our equipment and the requirements and responsibilities of not only MC's, but also the responsibilities of each and every Caller who is programmed to call at these dances.

Another Project we are trialing to minimize the number of Laptops on stage, is using just ONE Laptop with a powered USB Hub where programmed Callers just have a few songs {12 to 20} on a named USB stick.

Also, there is a Turntable and Mini Disc Player still available for those using that medium. Before the night gets under way, the Callers using USB sticks {electronically named & physically named} put them into the powered USB Hub: at the end of the night take it out and go. We have run 2 successful 'USB Trials' so far, the first at Logan City SDC in May and the second in Bundaberg in August. The Callers who took part could easily see the benefits of this system. On this note the QCA has been asked to provide the sound for the 'Society Christmas Party' in November, and we will be using the USB sound setup. Any Callers who register to call will be sent the "USB Guidelines" which give you a guide of what to do. *{Lets face it; wouldn't it be easier just bringing a USB stick and a Mic?}*

Regards,

Gary Petersen, QCA President

## **News from EZ Squares Caboolture.**

We have been quite active at EZ Squares lately; firstly quite a large number of our dancers ventured to Ipswich for the Sunshine State Roundup and Amateur Callers' contest. We had two squares dancing on the floor at both the afternoon & evening sessions. Our dress set looked lovely and our very own Ken McCulloch did our Club proud by winning the Amateur Caller contest; well done, Ken.

Ken also teaches a group of primary school children Square Dancing, and word has it that he took his trophy to school for "Show & Tell".

Our Club also travelled to Caloundra to help Light House Squares celebrate their 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. A big Thank you to Light House Squares for an enjoyable night followed by a yummy supper.

Next on our agenda is Hervey Bay, and some of our ladies have been busy making outfits for the dress set.

Then it will be full steam ahead for our next "gold coin" party night in October, and we hope to see many visitors help us to have lots of fun.

Plans are also under way for our visit from Nassa Shukayr in April 2013. Nassa hails from San Antonia, Texas, USA, and we are all looking forward to dancing to his calling.

This year's new dancers are all doing well and have just about finished learning all the moves. It is great to see that they are all still enjoying dancing

Square Dancing must be good for health as we have another lovely lady just celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday Grace, you are an inspiration to us all.

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

"So I hear you're getting Married?" "Yep!"

"Do I know her?" "Nope!"

"This woman, is she good looking?" "Not really."

"Is she a good cook?" "Naw, she can't cook too well."

"Does she have lots of money?" "Nope! Poor as a church mouse."

"Well then, is she good in bed? I don't know."

"Why in the world do you want to marry her then?"

"Because she can still drive!"

## **VALE – VIVIAN (VIV) McGILL**

The Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. mourns the passing of Viv McGill on Saturday, 22 September 2012.

Viv started square dancing in 1962. Due to ill health, Viv has been unable to participate in square dancing for some years, but was always keen to keep up to date with what was happening in the square dance world.

Although not a caller, Viv was an excellent teacher of the square dance moves. He will be sadly missed.

Our sincere condolences to Cis and her family.

**Leighton Bloomfield**

**President**

**Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.**

## **Society Christmas Party**

~ **Invitation to Call & Cue** ~

The Square Dancing Society of Qld Inc. will be holding the annual Christmas Party on **Saturday 24th November 2012**.

The venue will be the **Lions Hall, Lawnton Showgrounds, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton**.

The evening will commence with **Rounds at 7.00 p.m.** followed by **Squares at 7.30 p.m.**

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If it were time to elect a new world leader, and only your vote counts. Here are the facts about the three candidates.

**Candidate A** associates with crooked politicians and consults with astrologists. He's had two mistresses. He also chain-smokes and drinks 8 to 10 martinis a day.

**Candidate B** was kicked out of office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college, and drinks a quart of whiskey every evening.

**Candidate C** is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer, and never cheated on his wife.

Which of these candidates would be your choice? Who you voted for?

Candidate A is Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
Candidate B is Winston Churchill.  
Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

After a very busy day, a commuter settled down in her seat and closed her eyes as the train departed Montreal for Hudson.

As the train rolled out of the station, the guy sitting next to her pulled out his cell phone and started talking in a loud voice:

“Hi sweetheart it’s Eric, I’m on the train – yes, I know it’s the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting – no, honey, not with that floozie from the accounts office, with the boss.

No sweetheart, you’re the only one in my life – yes, I’m sure, cross my heart” etc., etc.

Fifteen minutes later, he was still talking loudly, when the young woman sitting next to him, who was obviously angered by his continuous diatribe, yelled at the top of her voice:

”Hey, Eric, turn that stupid phone off and come back to bed!”

Eric doesn’t use his cell phone in public any longer.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**Sam and Nan Sapuppo, from Innisfail,** received “Life Membership” Awards last month and below is a precise of their resume of their square dancing “life”.

“Sam has always been impressed with Country & Western Music and in years gone by, won many Talent Quests singing the Slim Dusty, and daughter duo’s with his young daughter Ann. A keen viewer of the Reg Lindsay TV program where Square Dancing was featured, (Nev McLachan calling) caught his eye and he wanted to find out more about this sort of dancing fun. During February 1979, David Smith, a young learning Caller, from Atherton, and commuting to Innisfail Friday nights for his job, placed an advertisement, in the local paper for anyone interested in wishing to learn square dancing and it was March 1979 that Sam and Nan took up the challenge and went off to a beginner class in Innisfail.

In 1980 Sam responded to an invitation to anyone wishing to programme with tapes and records at “Coral Coasters” Sunday night dances. Sam began practising calling and putting his efforts on tape. After playing one of the numbers at a Sunday night in Edmonton, Sam was invited to call same live. From then on he attended any Callers Seminars, at the North Queensland Conventions and North Queensland Delegates dances, and spent a weekend at Brian Hotchkies home, where Brian was very helpful.

Innisfail Grand Squares commenced operation in 1979 and within a short time, Sam and Nan were the Caller/Cuer Leaders of the Club from 1983 to 1993, and many local organisations benefited from their donations.

In 1981 Sam was elected Northern Vice President of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland, and held this position till his retirement in November 1988.

Sam and Nan hosted two International Caller week-ends and attended Caller schools, in the North with Vaughn and Jean Parrish, in 1983, and John and Freddie Kaltenthaler in 1985. Sam attended a Caller School in Brisbane, conducted by Vaughn and Jean Parrish in 1983, calling on the programme of these weekends.

In February 1987, Sam started teaching Square Dancing, in Tully, and this led to formation of Tully Allemanders Square and Round Dance Club, with Nan, teaching Rounds.

For many years, Nan conducted workshops at annual Northern combined Dances at Cardwell. She also programmed Rounds at North Queensland Conventions, and organised workshops where required. Together they attended all National Conventions from Brisbane 1982 with Sam calling at all since Adelaide, 1986 and Nan, cued at all since 1987, up to Tamworth in June 2001.

In 1996, Sam and Nan were presented with the Queensland Square Dancing Society’s “Silver Spur” Award at the North Queensland Convention.

Sam and Nan will continue to dance from time to time and look forward to meeting up with so many friends on the floor. Friends will never be forgotten.”

I feel that Sam and Nan are worthy recipients of this prestigious Award.

**Leighton Bloomfield**

**President**

**Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.**

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2013**

Positions available (term of office – 2 years)

- SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- REGISTRAR
- STATE REVIEW EDITOR/DISTRIBUTOR
- PROMOTIONS & PUBLICITY OFFICER
- 2 DANCER REPRESENTATIVES

***Nominee to fill in this form and return to the Secretary, Carole Mackinney, 103 Dunne Road, Burbank, 4156 by 4 February, 2013 or email: [squaredanceqld.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:squaredanceqld.secretary@gmail.com) by 4 February, 2013***

Nomination must be agreed to by the Nominee and signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee. All nominations should be accompanied by a résumé of the Nominee's experience sufficient to serve as a guide to his/her suitability to hold the position applied for. *(Self nominations are acceptable but must have a seconder)*

The Nominee below has been approached and agreed to his/her nomination.

Name of Nominee .....

Address of Nominee.....

Phone.....Mobile.....

Email.....

for the position of .....

Proposer.....Signature.....Phone.....

Seconder.....Signature.....Phone.....

Nominee's signature of acceptance.....

Nominee's Résumé

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(Attach separate page if required)

**The above Committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations must be received by the Secretary by 4 February, 2013. Nominations received after this date will be deemed invalid.**