

The Banana Benders Bugle

SEPTEMBER 2009

QCA Gala Dance and QSDS Sunshine State Roundup

The QCA Gala Dance and QSDS Sunshine State Roundup were held at the Burpengary Hall. Those of you who couldn't make it missed two excellent sessions of dancing. The venue proved to be a very good choice, and the callers again did their job well. The dancers enjoyed some challenging choreography and the great variety of music chosen.

The Gala Dance in the afternoon was well attended with five squares on the floor for most of the brackets. The two amateur callers were well received by the dancers, and provided a tough job for the judges. The winner was Arthur Trumper from EZ Squares Caboolture. Congratulations Arthur, and well done Ray. The QCA will be looking for entrants for next year's event. Many of the dancers stayed for the evening event, and an influx of fresh dancers brought the number of squares to ten. Once again there was fun and enjoyment for the dancers. It was disappointing that there were only two dressed sets, but nevertheless this section still went ahead. The "Quilt Raffle" was drawn by the Society President Alex Webster, and the lucky winner was Lorraine Anderson. Congratulations Lorraine. I would like to thank those Clubs who took the time to sell the tickets and to return them to EZ Squares. Well done and thank you for the support.

Now is the time for both these organizations to look to the future, with another club putting its hand up to take on the role of co-ordinator for next year. Simple advice to that club is to pick your committee well and work together as a team and the event will not become a chore. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my team for a job well done, for without you these two dances would not have been possible. You can now rest your weary feet. I am looking forward to the next dance.

Cheers and Happy Dancing to Everyone,

Kaye Clouston, President, EZ Squares Caboolture Dance Inc

Society General Meeting.

In one way it was good to see a few more faces at this meeting but with the Society facing the prospect of abandoning the Christmas dance this year due to lack of interest it would have been encouraging to see a few dancers taking an interest in Society matters.

There will be a Christmas Dance. Bev and Harold Lilley had enough belief in the Good Old Gumdale Dancers and their trusty band of helpers that Gumdale could host this year's Christmas Dance as long as the hall was available.

So, sure enough, they have booked the Alexandra Hills Community Hall and started making plans to give us a dance on 28th November. Congratulations and Thank You Gumdale.

David Pearce

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Noel Miller, Ph. 3841 6619

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QUEENSLAND CALLERS ASSOCIATION

29th QUEENSLAND STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

CLEVELAND ASSEMBLY HALL, SMITH STREET, CLEVELAND 4163

FRIDAY 11th - SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2009

WEEKEND REGISTRATION: \$ 40

SINGLE SESSION: DAY \$9 ---- NIGHT: \$12

FRIDAY NIGHT: 7.00 pm Rounds; 7.30 pm Squares; Zodiac Theme Night

SATURDAY MORNING: 10.00 am Plus; Clogging

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 1.30 pm Contras/Mainstream; A1/A2; 3.30 pm Rounds

SATURDAY NIGHT: 7.00 pm Rounds; 7.30 pm Squares

SUNDAY MORNING: 10.00 am Mainstream, Plus, Rounds

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: 1.30 pm Mainstream, Plus, Rounds

REGISTRATION FORMS FROM YOUR CLUB OR DOWNLOAD AT:

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Though the Get Rhythm team did not enter the Senior Superstars contest this year (so much to do, so little time to do it in), we were very pleased that two of our friends filled first and third spots. Darcy Turgeon was the Judges' choice for first place, and Barbara Tyrrell was third. Michael Burke came second. Congratulations to all three placegetters. We have shared the 'bill' with Darcy and Patricia and last year's winner Patricia Newton, at a concert and hope to do so again in the near future.

The Seniors' Week Danceathon in the Brisbane City Hall's main auditorium was a great success with many types of dances being enjoyed by a big crowd of participants. Clogging, along with Line Dancing and Square Dancing started off the morning, with the Cloggers then moving to the Sherwood Room for more dance-time.

A Clogging performance was very well received at the Seniors' Expo at Strathpine. This is a well organised event and we were pleased to be included in the entertainment line-up once again.

Come Clogging at Cleveland on Saturday 12th September as we take part in a 2-hour Clogging session from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Cleveland Assembly Hall in Smith Street, Cleveland, as part of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland's 29th State Convention. Admission: \$5 per dancer, spectators free.

Going to next year's National Clogging Convention in Bendigo? The organising Committee have Convention Jackets available of which there is limited stock and must be purchased pre-Convention. A phone call or email to yours truly will point you in the right direction to place your order.

And don't delay

in booking your accommodation for September. The local Tourist Centre reports lots of enquiries to date.

Let's dance! Bye for now,, Frances-
FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

Now that our learners have completed their mainstream, Matthew presented four Graduation Certificates to Noelene, Chris, Fay and Graham. The Graduation Cake was cut and shared with all for supper that night. Congratulations to all and we hope you enjoy your dancing with us. A new class for beginners is under way with the help of our "angels" who regularly turn up to assist the new members.

On Friday 7th August, we had a sausage sizzle and all new and regular members were invited to stay on for the rest of the evening. It was pleasing to see so many members turn up early for the dinner and there was plenty of food for all.

On Saturday 8th August, it was time for an "out of city" Queensland Callers Association meeting. Cane Country Squares hosted the meeting in Bundaberg. In all there were 14 callers present so a good weekend was assured. In the words of the song "Zipperty Do Dah" - what a wonderful feeling to see so many visitors joining us both Saturday afternoon and evening – five sets in all with four sets of Plus in the afternoon.

"Zipperty Do Dah – what a wonderful day" and thank you to all the callers for their special efforts to do something different, all the dancers for the interaction with the callers and to Matthew for comparing a really enjoyable weekend. We had a Nursery Rhyme Medley, Mary Lou with roving callers, two and three callers harmonising and many of the old and really popular tunes of yester-year.

With a whole half hour of Round Dancing with Michael and David, it was a day to remember and we hope all the visitors and callers will come to Bundaberg again SOON.

The paint was hardly dry on our newly painted and renovated hall so this was just the icing on the cake for the weekend.

Another of our visitors from July was Dougal from near Brisbane. Hope to see you again soon.

Pam Garson

Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc



SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday 28th November 2009

Alexandra Community Hall

Finucane Road & Windemere Road.

(Entry to car park off Windemere Road)

Alexandra Hills

Commencing: Rounds 7pm

Squares at 7.30pm



**Supper Provided
Tea and coffee available.**



Admission: Dancers \$10 Students \$5

RAFFLES LUCKY DOOR

Proudly hosted by Gumdale Grandsliders Square Dance Club Inc.

MORETON BAY SDC

What a superb 'Christmas in July' dance we hosted on Saturday 25th July at the Russell Island Rec. Hall!! The hall was filled with 72 dancers, from far and wide, who had come with only one intention- to have a real good time. And they did just that! The floor was filled with fun and laughter from eager dancers everytime a dance was called..The only time it was quiet and still was when the traditional Christmas lunch was served. Congratulations to our catering team, Emma, Mary and Sue- a delicious job well done! Thanks to all members who chipped in and did their bit to make this event a huge success, especially Santa, who had a gift for everyone, and Noel our Caller for a great programme featuring Callers attending from represented clubs. And of course to all the dancers who made the effort to come to the island, cruising our Beautiful Moreton Bay once more, making it all worthwhile. It was an absolute delight to be part of it!

Hope you have the date of our next one in your diary. No? Do it now! Saturday 3rd October 'Island-Style', 10am-2pm Russell Island. But before that we'll see you at the Convention Cleveland no doubt.

Happy dancing!!

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CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REPORT

August 2009-08-30

Rocky Twirlers:- Christmas Tree tinsel and lights made the atmosphere in the Rockhampton hall just like Christmas. Rocky's Christmas in July had dancing, games and yummy pudding and custard.

Glenn Wilson and Margaret Baines were guest callers for the club's Birthday dance 31st. July. The dance consisted of four sessions with an attendance of four squares on Saturday evening. The Friday learners are doing well.

Capricorn Waves:- With dancers returning from the Perth Convention things are slowly getting back to normal. Bevan was fortunate to be able to attend a callers school held in Casino run by Brian Hostchkies and Wilma Flannery. Frank Kennedy of Melbourne is currently calling for the club on Thursday evenings. A learners class has been started with new dancers attending.

Harvey Bay dancers have been involved in several well received demonstrations. Club members were looking forward to their Winter Woollies night 15th August.

Unfortunately Arch Stepney who teaches the learners has been taken ill but the class is continuing with the help of tapes. It is great to see that they have a young couple attending. If all are attending they have a full square. A steady flow of dancers travelling north have called in and danced with them.

Heritage Hoedowners:- Maryborough held a Christmas in July with David Smythe as guest caller. The decorations were outstanding. Wide Bay callers were welcomed when they attended their callers and cueing school early in July. They entertained dancers with top class calling on the Saturday night. All looked forward to Alan Evens calling for a dance on 29th. August. At the AGM Margaret Schubert was elected as President, Helen Myer, Secretary and Maureen Ohara as Treasurer.

Community Squares, Bundaberg are dancing 1 – 2 squares each Thursday afternoon. A new learners class is being organised on August 27th.

Cane Country Squares, Bundaberg are dancing 2 squares on a Friday night after the Learners have had their 1.5 hours of tuition. Three dancers have received their certificates recently and a new learner class has started.

Friday 7th. August was a jeans for genes day; the club held a "deluxe" sausage sizzle; not just a piece of bread and a sausage but a piece of bread, a sausage and a wonderful array of salads. All was finished with sweets. Then they had to dance it all off.

The QCA held their August meeting in Bundaberg on the weekend of August 8/9 followed by a Plus dance in the afternoon. That night Michael Mills and David Smythe cued some Round Dancing followed by a wonderful night of Mainstream. There were 14 callers in attendance and we thank them for such a great dance.

The club is organizing a bus to visit Rockhampton on 29th. August to attend their dance with Brian Hotchkies calling.

Shirley Kelly.

Qld Review Editor Report

At this present time I haven't any news from the National Convention Editors Meeting.

I have sent out update forms asking clubs to update their diary entries in the Square Dance Review and forward to me any amendments. The response has been good.

I have heard it said that Review is boring and having the same information every month.

The only thing I would like to see is clubs submit good square dance interest articles,

Remember that articles don't attract any cost.

I wish to inform the Qld Square dance Society committee that I will be unavailable to continue being State Editor for 2010, as my wife and I are intending to travel during the coming year. I am willing to assist any person who would take up the office. I must say it isn't difficult position to hold.

I have enjoyed the last 2 years as Editor.

Ray Nasmith
Qld State Editor 15.08.2009

Why were hurricanes usually named after women?

Because when they arrive, they're wet and wild, but when they go, they take your house and car.

Are you calling at the Christmas Party?

If you wish to call at the Christmas Party please contact Alan Evans as he will be doing the programming.

Ph. 3800 1270

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. Somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, fishing....always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a few minutes. When I came out again I handed her a toothbrush.

"When you finish cutting the grass," I said, "you might as well sweep the sidewalk."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband.

Black Friday Night

Fancy Dress. 13th November 2009
Starts at 7:30pm
Cost \$5.50 Adult
& Children \$3.00

Rambling Eights

Dancers and Callers Welcome Supper provided

St. Pius Hall Golda Ave. Salisbury

Town & Country Squares, Ipswich

Being a relatively new Club we are experiencing the social side of square dancing in a big way. During July, they hosted their first "Christmas in July" party and were delighted to welcome six squares, many of whom had travelled from different Clubs to help them celebrate. We were thrilled with the true square dance friendship which was evident from start to finish and are looking forward to our next function.

Most of the dancers are relatively new to the activity but are now visiting different venues, dancing to different callers, including David Pearce's Rambling Eights, Logan, Russell Island, where Noel calls Saturday fortnightly, and they are being encouraged to travel to Margaret Baines and hopefully any other Clubs that are not too far away.

Most of our members are through the mainstream program and are practising for the weekend in Armidale in October. We also have possibly two squares for the dressed squares section at the State Convention in Cleveland. I have heard that some of our members are also registering for the Convention in Darwin. Such enthusiasm must surely indicate their level of enjoyment for square dancing.

The members of our Club have become our friends and as much as we give to them of our time, they give back threefold in their generosity and help in every way. Their loyalty and their enthusiasm makes it all worthwhile- we have been privileged to have met such fine people.

Something that has interested Noel & I, is that our Club has now grown to approximately 40 Members, perhaps more, who dance regularly twice a week with us, and also practise on a Tuesday night to improve their level for Armidale. All this without a penny spent on advertising - just word of mouth.

At the moment Noel is keeping fairly busy while Gene Metford, Peter Storey and David Pearce are away, calling at Redland Bay Monday morning, our Club in the afternoon, Southport on Thursday and our Club Friday morning, David Pearce's Friday night, followed by Russell Island Saturday morning.

Oh well, it keeps him off the street!

Who said Square Dancing is fading away? If it is, we haven't noticed.

Kindest regards, Noel & Merle McKenzie

Happy Trails

The Happy Trails Square Dancing Club welcomed back Peter & Elaine from their trip to the UK & Europe in July and August.

Peter began calling again on Thursday mornings at the Meals on Wheels Hall on Queen Street in Southport.

All square dancers and those interested in learning to square dance are cordially invited to participate from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

QUEENSLAND CALLERS' ASSOCIATION

On 2nd August, 2009 our newly appointed Qld. State Coordinator Gary Petersen ran a callers' school at Cardwell for our northern members. Gary started the school with a segment on memory skills and went on to discuss presentation skills of hoedowns and singing calls at major dances.

On 8th August, 2009 QCA held a callers' meeting in Bundaberg which was attended by members from Rockhampton to Brisbane and a visitor from Ulladulla in NSW.

The meeting was followed by a Plus Dance in the afternoon with approx. 5 squares attending. Saturday night saw a full hall of dancers and 14 callers – what a night – the atmosphere was electric. A great job was done by all callers.

Thank you to the dancers of Bundaberg for their great hospitality. You can always tell a great dance when no-one wants to go home, especially with the last bracket having 5 singing calls with 6 callers.

A callers' school was held on the Sunday morning 9th August, conducted by Glenn Wilson on signing calls, how to deliver a good singing call, use of music – up tempo or lay back numbers, also looking at lyrics of the song and the use of choreography within the figures.

14 callers attended the school. Well done, Glenn.

Alan Evans.

I was in the express lane at the store quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the express check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries.

Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which ten items would you like to buy?"

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?



Rambling Eights – Birthdays Celebration

What started as a surprise celebration to mark Faith's 70th birthday became a "Multi-Birthday Celebration Dance".

While a few club members were planning the surprise, we discovered that five club stalwarts would be having birthdays in the next few days. Rambling Eights always try to mark the birthdays of members on club nights, so this week just had to be special.

As well as Faith, we had Wendy, Teagan, Hazel and Sarah all passing another milestone. Congratulations girls! August must be a good month.

Sharon Pearce baked a big cake, other dancers brought special supper and the hall was decorated with birthday wishes. It was especially nice to have some square dancers who had danced with Faith in the past come along and join in the festivities. We know that this meant a lot to Faith and they added to the celebration atmosphere.

We were happy to see members of the Square Dancing Society of Qld. Executive. Noel, Jane and Alan came along and were introduced to dancers who were then invited to the General meeting next day.

Thank you to all who came along, and those who helped set up the hall which set the mood for the great party night.

David Pearce

The Banana Benders Bugle

When the 'Bugle' started the aim was to provide a simple, easily distributed newsletter to the square dancers in Queensland with as short a lead time on contributions as possible. An electronic distribution system was the chosen method of distribution because it was quick and economical (similar to a system used in Europe).

The detrimental aspects of such a method are in the download of the finished newsletter. It has to be a controlled size: (some recipients only have a 200 mb download capacity per each month).

Some clubs reproduce anything up to fifty copies and sell them to the members. For this reason about 12 pages are the practical maximum. Printing, collating and stapling 10-12 pages X 50 per month is a chore in anyone's view.

When the Bugle leaves here it is A4 (about the old foolscap size and the font at least 12) but some clubs reduce it to 72% thus reducing the print size from 12 down to 8.6, almost unreadable. Nothing I can do about that.

I am a firm believer in the quotation 'Those who don't make a mistake do nothing, and that's the biggest mistake of all.' I make a lot of mistakes and I am probably the last person to advise anyone on composing ads but I would like to share some information I found from a survey taken in Europe and published in 25-Sep-2004 Bulletin of The European Association of American Square Dancing Clubs. The full article is about three thousand words from memory so I have chosen a few points which might be appropriate to us.. The respondents to the survey were mainly from Germany and England.

Flyers – Flyer Art.

More than 70% want to be informed with text only.

Nobody was interested in graphics and HTML.

Many flyers take too long to download.

A dark, clear font (e.g. something like Arial 12 - 14 Pt), on a light background is best. Sometimes flyers are too decorative. Information should be clearly stated: include where and when the event is taking place. Post code as well as the name of the venue is required.

And one from me about articles. I sometimes get a letter produced/written in 'blocks' and transferred to one sheet. Please don't use this method. When I transfer such contributions to the final Bugle a hundred words (about one eighth of a page) spreads itself over a couple of pages.

I'd love to put the Bugle out an A5 newsletter, the same size as the Review, but I am not that computer savvy. From the point of view of recipients who reproduce a number of copies there could be a problem arranging consecutive pages for assembling and stapling. I am however willing to learn if you know how to do it or receive helpful suggestions .

Over to you now. Thanks for your patience in reading this administrative stuff but this Newsletter is YOURS. Your comments and criticisms are welcome. Please understand, it does not mean that because a suggestion is forthcoming it will become a fact but will get careful consideration in the confines of our method of compiling and distribution of the Bugle.

Noel M.

The woman applying for a job in a Florida lemon grove seemed way too qualified for the job.

"Look Miss," said the foreman, "have you any actual experience in picking lemons?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, yes!" she replied. "I've been divorced three times."