

November 2011

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

SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY of QUEENSLAND Inc.  
Invites you to enjoy the

## **2011 CHRISTMAS DANCE**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**St. Agnes Church Hall**

Corner Logan Rd. & Tudor St, Mt Gravatt UBD Map 181 Ref A19

**ROUND DANCING from 7.00 pm**

**SQUARES from 7.30 pm**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLES AND LUCKY DOOR PRIZES**

Admission \$8.00 members, \$10 non-members.

Students - members \$4.00, \$5 non-members.

Family Ticket \$25.00, Spectators free.

SDSQ Members please bring your membership card.

Supper, Tea, and Coffee will be provided.

CALLERS/CUERS applications by October 25<sup>th</sup> to

**David Pearce 12 Nemira St. Carseldine 4034**  
**or phone (07) 3263 1408.**

**Hosted by Rambling Eights and Salad Bowl Squares**

*The Bugle:- 29 Bluegrass Crt.  
Eight Mile Plains 4113*

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# QRDA Round Dance Corner [www.rounddanceqld.com](http://www.rounddanceqld.com)

The dancing year is almost over, once the parties have been held dancing will cease till the new year.

Here are some relevant dates :

Last nights for **Allemanders**

Final dances will be held the last week in November.

The Calamvale clubs ( Wednesday and Thursday ) will commence in the first week in February 2012.

The Jimboomba club (Mondays) will start on 6th February.

The **Valentine Club**: Final get together social dance on Sunday 20th November. The Tuesday and Friday clubs will also dance that week and the last dance for year is on Friday 2nd December.

The 2012 years activities will commence on Sunday 29th January.

QRDA Christmas dance will be on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov in St Joachim's Hall Holland Park 7to10pm.

## Good News for 2012.

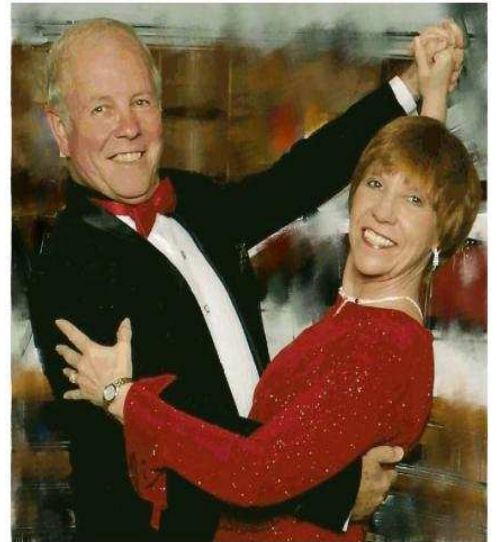
George and Pam Hurd will be returning to Australia again in 2012.

They will be conducting 2 international weekends in Brisbane on the first two weeks in May 2012.

These two dancers are world class teachers and we are looking forward to having them again in Brisbane .

Keep these dates free—  
4-6th and 11-13th May,2012.

Details of venue , cost etc. available early in the new Year.



Last month , we looked at the first of the two trial additions to the Rumba's and Cha's on the Square Dance rounds list , the **Alemana**. This month is the second of the movements **The Aida**. Here is the walk-thru .

From butterfly position, think ; through, side and behind to finish back to back.

Timing - QQS;

Man foot work - FWD TRN, SD TRN, BK, -;

Lady foot work - (FWD TRN, SD TRN, BK, -;)

MAN: Forward right tuming right face, side left continuing right face turn, back right, -;

WOMAN: Forward left tuming left face, side right continuing left face tum, back left, -;

NOTE: May be done from Semi-Closed, Butterfly, Open or Open Facing Positions. If done from Butterfly or Open Facing Positions the first step would be thru between partners for both man and woman. Ends in a "V" Back-to-Back Position. May be done in opposite direction.

Both of these movements are easy to achieve, but if you still need help please feel free to contact one of your local Cuers or the ARDA Education Officer, Paula Armstrong.

## CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

INVITES YOU TO

COME TO BUNDY AND DWELL FOR SQUARE DANCING IN TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE

Guest Caller **MIKE DAVEY** from Victoria

At the Coronation Hall Cnr High & Targo Streets, Bundaberg

On 2/3/4 March, 2012

Friday 7-10.30 pm

"Fun with Dancing & Mainstream"

Saturday 10 – 12 pm Workshop

1.30 – 4 pm Plus

7 - 7.30 pm Rounds

7.30 pm Mainstream

Sunday 10 am – 12 pm Rounds, Mainstream and Plus

Registration to Pam Garson, P.O. Box 580, Bundaberg

Telephone 07 41592308, E-mail: [sskelly10@bigpond.com](mailto:sskelly10@bigpond.com)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Tickets Close 17 Dec. 2011 \$25 Standard Tickets \$35 Session Tickets \$10

## STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

An exciting week ahead for Brisbane residents as the Lord Mayor's Seniors' Christmas Parties will once again fill The Auditorium at the RNA Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, with two shows a day for five days in a row- Monday 5th to Friday 9th December.

Although having been part of the entertainment line-up at two earlier Lord Mayor's Christmas Parties, this year, as Winners of the 2011 Senior Superstar Contest, The Get Rhythm Dance Team will be on stage for this week of top entertainment.

Tickets are FREE and include light refreshments. Telephone qtx on 136 246 as of 9 a.m. Thursday 3rd November. HURRY, HURRY, HURRY, QUICK, QUICK, QUICK, THESE TICKETS GO REAL QUICK!!!

Christmas break-up Parties abound, so check out the date for yours, and other Clubs' special festive event.

Interesting the number of enquiries being received from potential beginners to Clogging. Must be the warmer weather encouraging folk to get out and get active. !

A sad note was the recent passing of Ivan Dawes of Western Australia, a strong supporter of Square Dancing and Clogging- a true gentleman. Sincere condolences to Molly, Jasmine and Kingsley.

Sincere thanks for assistance received through 2011 with the Banana Benders Bugle Clogging article from my PA Don, BBB Editor Noel, and the readers who made it very worthwhile. Bless you, and have a happy, safe and fantabulous festive season.

**Looking forward to seeing you doing what we do in Two O One Two- CLOGGING.**

Frances

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A newly married man asked his wife, 'Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune.

'Honey,' the woman replied sweetly, 'I'd have married you, no matter who left you a fortune.

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'



## Cane Country Squares

Host

Night of Yule Time Fun

At the Norville Hall,

Maynard Street, Bundaberg  
Saturday 3rd December

7 pm - 10 pm

Free Dance

Supper at 9.15 pm

Raffle Tickets \$1

Enquiries Phone Shirley 41592308

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**Town and Country Squares**, will be celebrating their Christmas "Break up" Dance on the 10th December, 7.30pm-10pm, in the same hall as last year, St. Joseph's Hall, Pine Mountain Road, Ipswich. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

Enquiries: Noel or Merle on 3714 9917.

Our Club has had an extremely busy year in 2011- endeavouring to "re-group" after the devastating floods.

The most enjoyable and "healing" event, being a Camp we held at Camp Duckadang in September, funded in part by the raffles donated from the QSDC and the QCF, which our Club hosted last year.

We discovered, in an impromptu "Amateur Callers' Contest", that we have a few good "propects". However, we would advise that it is probably unwise to ask our loved member Bev, to call, unless you have some able bodied, athletic types to perform the moves, which numbered about 4 every 10 seconds. Needless to say, our intrepid leader, Noel McKenzie, was rather useless, in view of the fact that he was rendered "legless", doubled up, tears pouring down his face and quite incapable of being of any earthly use, to stop the "charge".

In passing, dear Bev and Rob (her partner), have since announced their engagement and we all heartily congratulate them. (Was it his admiration of these untapped, possibly unheard of, talents?)

Regards,

Merle McKenzie

If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your wife told you to.

I'm not opinionated, I'm just always right.

## CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

### BUNDABERG

We are looking forward to our Masked Hallowe'en Night. We are all going to wear masks that night, so it should be a fun and interesting night.

The rest of the year is going to be really quiet. Our next big date will be our FREE Annual Christmas Dance on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 7pm – 10 pm, to be held at the Norville Hall, in Maynard Street.

**Cane Country Squares** closing date is 9th Dec. 2011, and opens again on 3rd February 2012.

**Community Squares** closing date is 1st Dec. 2011, and opens again on 2nd February 2012.

Averil Brookes

## WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS

Are you ready to wind down for the year? No! Thought not with Christmas coming.

Wavell has been busy with a visit from Rambling 8's recently.

We have had some Club members attend a Matinee of 'A Chorus Line'. This was an enjoyable afternoon spent with friends. Thanks to Robyn Harris for all her organisation.

Enjoying visits from Noel and Marje Miller.

We are now preparing for our end of year Christmas party and Major Raffle. Also looking forward to the Society Christmas Party at the end of November and any other Christmas parties we attend.

Here's hoping everyone in dancing has a happy and safe Christmas as we look forward to meeting again in the New Year.

June and Margaret

### **Rambling Eights Camp - Registration Form**

CAMP DATES: March 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge  
COST: ADULTS: \$125.00  
CHILDREN (under 16 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 12<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
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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:-  
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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)

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## RAMBLING EIGHTS CLUB CAMP

LAKE PERSEVERANCE

March 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 2012

This year our theme will be **"IRISH"**

If you haven't had the pleasure of joining us at one of our camps before, we enthusiastically invite you in 2012. Once again, we will be holding our club camp at Lake Perseverance.

Noel McKenzie will be joining David in providing challenging and enjoyable Square Dance sessions. Other callers who attend will also be programmed during the weekend. Jane Rayner will bring us Round Dancing. Some Line Dances will also be programmed if time permits.

Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge is approx. 45 km from Esk. The accommodation is modern timber cabins with en-suites, connected by covered walkways and set in natural bush land on the edge of the lake. The recreation hall doubles as a dining hall. It has a well-equipped kitchen and all meals will be cooked for us.

As well as Dancing, there are plenty of areas provided for outdoor activities such as Bocce, Tennis, Table Tennis, Putting, Basketball, and Bush-walking.

As Saint Patrick's Day falls on this weekend, the theme chosen by Club members this year is "Irish". We are sure there are many ways that you can think of to include something Irish or Green for the camp. You can dress in themed outfits at the main Saturday night dance. We are sure that you can find some interesting items for the after party to compliment this theme.

Included in the program will be: A variety of Dance Sessions, Workshops, Outdoor activities, an "Irish" Party Dance and After-Party fun.

Please see the registration form in this Bugle or on our WEB site: [www.ramblingeights.org](http://www.ramblingeights.org)

For further information please contact David or Faith Phone 32631408 or e-mail [davidp8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:davidp8@bigpond.net.au)

Finnegin: My wife has a terrible habit of staying up 'till two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her of it.

Keenan: What on earth is she doin' at that time?

Finnegin: Waitin' for me to come home ..

A man visiting an Indian reservation gets to meet the Tribal Chief. During their conversation the man asks the Chief what his wife's name is. "She called Four Horses" he replies. The man said, "That's an unusual name. What does it mean?" The Chief answers ..... "It old Indian name. It mean ... NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG!"

## PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

Well it's that time of the year again when we are starting to think of having a break. We have had a great year this year, dancing 3 squares most Tuesday afternoons. We have had some beginners again this year. Some have come and gone but fortunately others have stayed and are doing well.

We dance for the last time this year on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and have our Christmas luncheon the following Tuesday with the other groups in our Club.

The Pine Rivers dancers, together with Margaret and myself would like to wish all our fellow dancers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you on the dance floor in 2012.

Jan Hay

## Suncoasters - Buderim

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October saw our garden grounds spotlessly clean for the outside barbeque social lunch planned for the Saturday. Of course, on Saturday it rained, so we held our lunch for dancers and friends inside our hall. But it was a very successful day, notwithstanding the weather – the willing helpers making light work of the hall setup, salad preparation, barbequeing and then finally the cleanup.

Approximately 80 people attended, and after lunch enjoyed the hilarious entertainment provided by Cath Fox, complete in costume.

The afternoon provided an opportunity for dancers who attend different Club functions to get together and socialise with each other and their friends, and was judged to be a success by all who attended.

Ph (07) 4159 2308.

**BEFORE 6 BEERS**



**AFTER 6 BEERS**

[ZWANI.COM](http://ZWANI.COM)

A short hello from

## Hervey Bay Square Dancers.

We would like to thank all the Clubs who have made us so very welcome throughout 2011. Some of us seem to be more on the road than at home (is that a Square Dance thing?) and to find friendliness in unknown places, often from friends in the making, is just wonderful.

We also want to give a huge THANK YOU to all those volunteers, including the quiet ones behind the scenes, who have made it possible for us to attend those fabulous events. Without you there would be nowhere to go and enjoy ourselves. Whether you contributed to the food, the door, the decorations, the registrations, the cleaning up, whatever you did, your donation of time, energy and effort is very much appreciated by us dancers.

We still have some great nights on this year's program: Alan Evans and Sid Leighton will be calling at Hervey Bay before Christmas,

Check at [www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au](http://www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au) for details, in case you come this way.

Wishing all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas period. 'Til we meet on the floor, keep well, safe travels & happy dancing from all of us at Hervey Bay

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A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates.

'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked.

'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen.

So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now, back off or I'll kick the crap out of all of you!'

When did that happen?

A couple of minutes ago".

## Shindig on the Mountain' 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2011

They came from far and wide to be part of my Shindig. Total numbers were actually less than last year but the Big Difference was we had more Full Weekend Registrations than last year. We danced a steady 6 Squares Friday Night. An eager 4 Squares thoroughly enjoyed the 'Back to Basics' Saturday morning.

5 Squares had a blast at the 'Plus' Session. Around 8 Squares on Saturday Night and a steady 4 to 5 squares enjoyed the 'Singalong Sunday'. Friday Night we were visited by a 'Mountain Man' who took over the last bracket and was asked to do an encore bracket! Saturday night the dancers had to contend with an '80's Classic Rock Freak. Sunday morning the dancers were given a taste of 'Brother Loves' Travelling Salvation Show! Everything ran like clockwork again, which made me very happy and proved that last year was not a fluke.

My formula for the 'Shindig on the Mountain' is quite simple. A good Old Country Hall, a good crowd of eager dancers, Good Music, Good Choreography and Good Fun! Again, this year was a Full Weekend of what I hoped it would be, great dancing, Fun and Friendship.

Everyone loved the simplistic approach and seemed to absolutely love what I had prepared for them both choreographically, musically and surprises. I have to say it is great when a plan comes together. Mothar Mountain Hall was truly buzzing again and the atmosphere was fantastic all weekend.

Margaret Baines and Dougal Findlay helped me with the Friday and Sunday programs, and apologies were received from Gene and Colleen Medford, Nev and Bev McLachlan.

From profits each year I make a generous donation to the Mothar Mountain Hall Committee, the Square Dance Society of Qld. Inc. and the Queensland Caller's Association.

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2011 'Shindig on the Mountain' and invite you to keep in mind the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> October are the dates for next year's 'Shindig on the Mountain 2012'.

Gary Petersen.

{The Rebel with a Cause}

One cat to another cat as they looked down at a sprawled bloke at the bottom of a ladder  
"Gee you're right. Humans don't always land on their feet".

# Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

What a great dance, hosted by Pine River Senior Citizens to celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday..

Thank you to Margaret Baines and Jan Hay all the Members of Pine Rivers Senior Citiz. Club.

The hall looked great with 50<sup>th</sup> birthday balloons as well as Bunnings balloons (guess where I work!!). The supper was as great, as usual, supplemented by a huge creamy vanilla birthday cake. Thank you to all 8 of the callers who came along to make it a memorable dance. And most of all, thank you to all the dancers, who came from near and far to help me celebrate this milestone year. As I said at the dance, I have far too many square dance friends to invite you all 'round to my place for a party. This seemed to be the best solution to the situation. Great to see a number of friends that I have not had the opportunity to catch up with in the last few years.

Over a hundred dancers poured through the door. The first bracket at 7pm had 8 squares, there were 11 squares dancing at one point and there were still at least 7 squares dancing at 10.30pm.

Thanks for all the cards and birthday wishes. A number of cards also contained scratchies and lotto tickets etc., I'll let you all know if I win big. Thanks also, to the clubs that got together and collecting for the gift cards I received. I was overwhelmed by your generosity. Square dancers are just a wonderful group of people. As is always the case in square dancing, this wasn't the only dance happening in and around town. A number of friends called and left messages apologising for being unable to attend the celebrations but wishing me well.

In closing, thank you all again, for making this a memorable 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

I hope you'll all be there for my 60<sup>th</sup> in 2021.  
Regards.

**Glenn (I'm not old yet) Wilson**

## Rambling 8s

To me, square dancing is like being part of a big family. With dancing in our own club, visiting others as well as special weekends and national conventions we have all the ingredients of immediate family, extended family and distant relatives. Just like family we are all different, but it is great to have a get together on any level, and spend time with our dancing family getting to know them better.

Our upcoming club "Irish" camp is a fantastic way to relax with our close friends and dancers from other clubs who we don't see very often. I love planning and taking part in the theme dress up, and the Saturday night skits. To me it is like a family weekend, and I wouldn't miss it for anything.

Early in October we had an amateur caller's night, with four hopefuls taking to the stage. The dancers were all encouraging with their feedback and compliments, so we will probably hear more from Julian, Amberlee, Kevin and Christine.

While David and Faith are away dancing on the high seas with other enthusiastic ship mates those of us left on dry land will not be without a dance. We are so grateful to Noel McKenzie for stepping up to run the dance for us with his wonderful voice.

Two frequent visitors to our club are Bev and Rod from Town and Country Ipswich.

The couple met on a bus trip about three years ago, and went to Noel's club together to learn square dancing. While in Armidale for the Lions Den Dance weekend Rod popped the question and Bev said yes! On behalf of David, Faith and all Rambling Eights dancers we send heartfelt congratulations to the pair on the announcement of their engagement.

With Christmas just around the corner, we are all busy with plans for celebrations.

First on the agenda is the society party on 26<sup>th</sup> November with our own club breakup and party on 9<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to see lots of friendly faces at these and other functions during this festive season.

Regards, Christine

Some actual between pilots and control towers.

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted: 'American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadeloupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport.'

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed.

The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, 'What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?'

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: 'I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one.'

LOGAN CITY SQUARE DANCE CENTRE

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

FEATURING CALLER

*JANICE ALEXANDER* (Vic)

**11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

Logan City Square Dance Centre

161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

Saturday afternoon Plus 2pm - 4.30pm

Saturday evening Rounds 7pm - Squares 7.30pm

Admission; **Afternoon \$8.00** per person

**Evening \$10.00** per person or **\$16.00** for both sessions

Juniors under (16 yrs) \$6.00 afternoon \$8.00 evening or \$12.00 for both **sessions**

*Supper provided*

Enquiries; Jane Rayner 07 3299 7717 Email; [cysquare@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cysquare@optusnet.com.au)

The hall will remain open between sessions for those wishing to stay on. Showers available.

BYO basket tea or there are several food outlets close by.

**Logan City Square Dancers Inc**

**2012 Saturday Dance Dates**

February	11 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance feature caller Janice Alexander (Vic)
March	10 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Evans calling - a supper plate would be appreciated.
April	14 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Walker calling - a supper plate would be appreciated.
May	12 <sup>th</sup>	
July	14 <sup>th</sup>	
September	8 <sup>th</sup>	
October	13 <sup>th</sup>	
November	10 <sup>th</sup>	

**Married Bliss**

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.  
He looked at her slowly then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."  
She asks, "What does that mean?"  
He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."  
She smiled happily and said...."Oh, that's so lovely. What about I, J, K?"  
He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"  
His left eye is still swollen but the doctor has informed him that he is likely to see things much clearer in the future.

Wife: 'What are you doing?'

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: 'Nothing . . . ? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.'

Husband: 'I was looking for the expiration date.'

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE . God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

## Why does the Society hold a Christmas Party?

Is it because we just like an excuse to have a party? Is it to raise funds for society activities? Is it a chance to bring as many dancers from Queensland together before they take a break from Club dancing? Or is it just because the callers have Christmas Music they would like to use and share with as many dancers as possible.

Well, it may be all of the above reasons, but the main reason is that quite a few years ago most Clubs were holding their own "Christmas Parties". This had the consequence of Clubs competing for dates, halls and dancers. Inevitably some Clubs had a good response while others were disappointed.

Members of the Society at the time, who under the previous arrangement, meant representative of most Clubs, decided it would be better for the dancers and the individual Clubs to hold a combined Qld. Square Dance Society Christmas Dance.

We all know that Clubs do hold their "Break –up" dances as well, but is great to see dancers from the member Clubs coming together on the last Saturday in November each year to wish one another a "Happy Christmas".

Contributed by David Pearce

*We are approaching Armistice Day, Poppy Day or Remembrance Day (all the same day) the opportunity arises to share with readers a very simple, meaningful poem and a little of the its history. This is probably the most remembered poem to come out of WW1*

On May 2, 1915, John McCrae's close friend and former student Alexis Helmer was killed by a German shell. That evening, in the absence of a Chaplain, John McCrae recited from memory a few passages from the Church of England's "Order of the Burial of the Dead". For security reasons Helmer's burial in Essex Farm Cemetery was performed in complete darkness.

The next day, May 3, 1915, Sergeant-Major Cyril Allinson was delivering mail. McCrae was sitting at the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the *Yser Canal*, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, Belgium. As John McCrae was writing his *In Flanders Fields* poem, Allinson silently watched and later recalled, "His face was very tired but calm as he wrote. He looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to Helmer's grave. Within moments, John McCrae had completed the "In Flanders Fields" poem and when he was done, without a word, McCrae took his mail and handed the poem to Allinson.

*And so on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month it is fitting to remember all our soldiers, sailors and air force personal who have served our country in war, peace and peace keeping exercises.*

### In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae,  
MD (1872-1918) Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

COL McCrae was wounded in May 1918 and was taken to one of the big hospitals on the coast of France. On the third evening he was wheeled to the balcony of his room to look over the sea towards the cliffs of Dover. The verses were obviously in his mind, for he said to the doctor ""ell them, if ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep." That same night COL McCrae died.

## **2011 QLD Square Dancing Events**

- 12 Nov Logan City Square Dancers Inc Dance 7.30pm Sat Logan**  
[cysquare@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cysquare@optusnet.com.au)
- 12 Nov Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club Sat**  
 Dance Venue: Girl Guide Hall, 73 North St, Maryborough  
 BBQ Tea 7pm Intro to Plus 7.30 M/S  
 Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617  
[kmeyerco@big.net.au](mailto:kmeyerco@big.net.au)
- 19 Nov Suncoasters Saturday Dance 7pm Dance Bud**  
[www.suncoasters.com.au](http://www.suncoasters.com.au)
- 25 Nov Salad Bowl Squares Beachwear & Ice Cream Night 7.30pm Fri**  
 Anglican Church Hall, 19 Station Wellington Pt. Basic, M/S and Plus.  
 Enq: Dianne Strange 3824 3899  
[diannestrangle@ymail.com](mailto:diannestrangle@ymail.com)
- 25 Nov Cairns City Square Dance Club Break Up Dance**  
 Enq: Jill Davis 4032 3242
- 26 Nov Qld Square Dance Society Christmas Dance.**  
 See Ad Page 1  
[davidp8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:davidp8@bigpond.net.au)
- 29 Nov EZ Squares Caboolture Party Night 7.30pm Tues Theme: "N"**  
 Kaye Clouston 0438 142 204
- 3 Dec Cane Country Squares - Bundaberg, QLD**  
 Enq: Shirley 41592308
- 3 Dec Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Christmas Dance Sat Hervey Bay QLD**  
 459 Boat Harbour Dr, Torquay  
[squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com](mailto:squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com)
- 3 Dec Suncoasters Christmas Party Dance 7pm Dance Buderim**  
 260 Dixon Rd, Buderim  
[www.suncoasters.com.au](http://www.suncoasters.com.au)
- 6 Dec EZ Squares Caboolture Christmas Dance**  
 Enq: Kaye Clouston 0438 142 204

- 6 Dec Gumdale Grandslidiers Christmas Dance 10am Tues Brisbane**  
 Community Hall, Cnr Finucane & Windermere Rds, Alexandra Hills  
 Harold & Bev 3207 3577  
[harold.liley@bigpond.com](mailto:harold.liley@bigpond.com)
- 7 Dec Gumdale Grandslidiers Christmas Dance 7.30pm Wed Brisbane**  
 Community Hall, Cnr Finucane & Windermere Rds, Alexandra Hills  
 Harold & Bev 3207 3577  
[harold.liley@bigpond.com](mailto:harold.liley@bigpond.com)
- 9 Dec Rambling Eights Christmas Party 7.30pm Fri**  
 Golda Road, Salisbury  
 Enq: David 3263 1408  
[davidp8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:davidp8@bigpond.net.au)
- 9 Dec Salad Bowl Squares Christmas Party 7.30pm Fri**  
 Anglican Church Hall, 19 Station Street, Wellington Pt.  
 Enq: Dianne Strange 3824 3899  
[diannestrangle@ymail.com](mailto:diannestrangle@ymail.com)
- 9 Dec Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners SD Club, Maryborough**  
 Girl Guide Hall, 73 North St, Maryborough Break-up Party  
 Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617  
[kmeyerco@big.net.au](mailto:kmeyerco@big.net.au)
- 10 Dec Burleigh Squares Gold Coast Christmas Dance**  
 Maher Hall, 42 Matilda St, Burleigh Heads  
 Joy (07) 5523 3047 or Sue 0412 776 862
- 31 Dec Maryborough Heritage City Hoedowners New Year's Eve Dance 8pm Sat**  
 Girl Guide Hall, 73 North St, Maryborough Dancing to Tapes 2 suppers  
 Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617  
[kmeyerco@big.net.au](mailto:kmeyerco@big.net.au)
- 2012**
- 15 Jan Dance Day with Kay Walker 11-4pm Sunday M/S and Plus BYO Lunch**  
 Please ring Kay or Aaron to confirm venue in January.  
 Enq: Kay Walker 3202 8723 or Aaron 3378 0825 [www.kaysclubs.com](http://www.kaysclubs.com)

# *New Year's Eve Dance*

*2011 (31<sup>st</sup> December)*

*Proudly hosted by Logan City Square Dancers Inc.*

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

*Theme; "Dress as your favourite*

*Movie Character"*

*Square dance attire not essential*

**Commencing 8pm**

**Admission; \$6.00 per person.**

*Come along and join the fun.*

*There'll be a **raffle** so bring some spare change*

*A food contribution for the supper table would be appreciated, thank you.*

*Enquiries; Jane Rayner (07) 3299 7717; email; [cysquare@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cysquare@optusnet.com.au)*

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defence attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the policeman's credibility .Q: 'Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer -- who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes sir.'

Q: 'Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's 'Best Comeback' line -- and we think he'll win.

## **AND FINALLY,**

this is the last Bugle for 2011. Thanks to all who contributed to making this humble newsletter interesting to the readers. I especially thank Frances & Don who are always there when I need a hand or advice.

On behalf of Marjie and myself we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous and safe New Year.  
Noel Miller.