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**This is your newly elected committee;**

*Geoff Linck - Parker - President*

*Bert Bowden - V/President*

*Ted Newton - Treasurer*

*Gail Staniland – Assistant Treasurer*

*Delwyn Linck- Parker – Secretary*

*Ken McCulloch – Providore*

*Margie Webber - Co-Providore*

*Julie McCulloch – Newsletter Editor*

*Maureen Miller – Clogging Rep*

*Glenn Wilson - Caller*

*Rod Dinte - Co-Caller*

*The “committee” is working hard to make our club the very best it can be, “Please help us”, - by making suggestions, on how to make it even better! This is your club* how would you like it to be run?

What sort of events or gatherings would you like us to organize? For example:- progressive luncheon, games day, car observation rally, or maybe breakfast/lunch in the park, come and talk to a committee member. We are here to make it happen!

PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2013

Welcome Ladies & Gentlemen to the Annual General Meeting of your club.

I believe that as a club we have functioned well over the past year and have been successful, in fact, by having an enthusiastic functioning committee, I thank each and every one of them for their efforts and it has been a pleasure to have a top team to work with for the benefit of this club.

The Square Dance callers and Clogging Cuers are to be commended for their efforts in keeping us all informed with the right movements to fulfill our respective dance routines. The variety that they provide in their calls and genres of music really seems to lift the enthusiasm of those dancing.

During the year our club visited Lighthouse Squares and Rambling Eights and members also visited a number of other clubs, a great night`s dancing was enjoyed at each venue. A large number of our members attended the State Convention at Hervey Bay and the Sunshine State Round up & Amateur caller’s event at Ipswich. Our club participated in the dress sets and banner parade at each of these functions and also in the Amateur Callers competition. Congratulations to all who participated, you made our club proud. Congratulations must also go to Ken who won the amateur caller title which our club has now won several times in recent years.

It was great to see most dancers dressing up for the theme of our party nights. These were again well attended and enjoyed by all who joined in the variety of different dances. Our party nights continued on from last year to be free or low fee nights to encourage more clubs to visit us, and I feel that this was once again a successful move. Thank you to all who donated items for the raffles, especially for “Snakes Alive”.

Unfortunately “Snakes Alive” was marred by us having to forfeit the Burpengary Hall for the council elections & by having to move to another venue made parking more difficult & then the weather turned against us by raining, but we endured & I believe the inclusion of the Minimbah Mini Squares dancers was a highlight. After all things considered “Snakes Alive” prevailed as a success.

I really must thank all members who have placed their confidence in this committee and have rallied when needed to help.

As this committee vacates their office I must say it is very encouraging to see many new dancers/prospective members in attendance and hope that they can join present members to not only enjoy our regular Tuesday dance nights and Party nights but also any other social events that may occur this year as I am sure we have all enjoyed this past year.

In conclusion, I would like to say please remember that a functioning committee leads to a functioning successful club and I encourage you all to come forward with ways to aid your committee for the future success of the club for the enjoyment of all.

***Geoff Linck-Parker***

***President.***

***EZ Squares Caboolture Dance Club.***

*Please! While our Speakers are talking- show some consideration and listen to what they are saying:*

*Check notice board for: Information on other Club events*

*Party Nights are Theme Nights, if you choose not to come in costume, please if possible wear square dance attire as other clubs may join our party night. : )*

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED.**

**On behalf of the square dancers of our club the committee has accepted an invitation to put on a square dancing display at Kilcoy on Wednesday 21st August 2013 for their Seniors Day. We would like as many dancers as possible to participate on the day to help make their event a success.**

**As Kilcoy is quite a distance away we hope to arrange car pooling. I have spoken to the organizers and they have said that there is different entertainment on all day. I know that this event is during the week and some of us work but let’s all who can, try to attend and not leave it to a few. As you can read by the attached extract from the letter I received the theme is country & western with a prize for the best dressed.**

*We are very pleased to have the EZ Squares Caboolture Dance Club available for our Seniors Day event on the 21st August 2013. The Country and Western Extravaganza commences at 10.00am and winds up at 2.00pm at the Kilcoy Memorial hall. We will be providing a free morning tea ( tea and cookies) and a free lunch (roast beef and gravy roll) for all in attendance. If your group can provide a demonstration for about 20- 30 minutes it would be great, we have a band from Homestead Country performing for the day. I will need to know numbers for catering purposes, the week before the event. Wear your country gear prizes for best dressed Look forward to meeting you all.*

*Kind Regards*

***If you would like to participate please let Geoff or myself know by the end of July so we can start arranging transport. Also if you are willing to drive and take other members let us know.***

***Many thanks in anticipation of your attendance***

***Delwyn Linck-Parker***

A NOTE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

As some of you may not be aware there is a monthly newsletter called the “Banana Benders Bugle” put out by the QLD SQUARE DANCING ASSN, in email format. This newsletter contains news of various clubs and information of coming dances etc. and is emailed to those requesting it. If you would like to receive a copy via email please send me your email address to deli48@bigpond.com and I will forward a copy on to you each month.

Delwyn

**Dancers:** The square dance year has begun, and it is great to see many of our new dancers enjoying being challenged by our experienced callers, making Left from Right seem very easy, or not. Each week our very keen beginners front up not knowing what the evening is going to involve. Each week our very own experienced dancers lend a guiding hand to our newest dancers, well done all, you’re doing a fantastic job! ☺

**Dates to Remember**

**23rd April –** Party night “Red, White and Blue”

**17th/18th May –** “Snakes Alive Burpengary”

**30th July -** Party night theme “ Sports Day”

**24thAug-** Sunshine State Round Up venue: to be advised

**27th-29th Sept-33rd** Qld State Square Dance Convention venue: Ferny Hills

**26th Aug -** Visit to Light house Squares

**29th Oct -** Party night theme “Nautical but Nice”

**29th Oct -** Light House Squares visit to our club

**26th Nov** - Graduation and Club Birthday

**3rd Dec -** Xmas Dance break up

**Cooee from the Caller**

It’s great to have so many new dancers this year, also great to have some younger dancers. As we’ve been going a few weeks now, it might be a good time to look at some of the

“Rules of Etiquette of Square Dancing”.

1. Arrive at the dance on time.

1. Greet everybody as you enter the hall.

1. Jump in and quickly fill the closest square first.

1. Walk around a square not through it.

1. If the caller is talking - try not to.

1. Listen to the caller.

1. Hygiene is very important.

1. Treat all other dancers with respect.

1. Have fun, enjoy yourself.

There is a reason that they are all numbered 1, they are all as important as each other.

Glenn & Rod

*Have fun, laugh and smile lots as that is what it is all about! ☺*

**How to make friends and Influence people!!**

Never leave a square early. Your ability, or that of your fellow dancers, is no excuse. We all start at the same level and the only way to get better is to dance. If you become ill or an emergency arises advise the other members of the square and if possible try and find a replacement.

Male dancers please wear long sleeves. No one will deny they are warm; however, most will admit they don’t enjoy grabbing a sweaty arm.

(Although! in the hotter months of dancing, our club at E.Z. Squares don’t mind if short sleeves are worn) Ladies should be mindful about their dress code and try and cover up a little in the warmer months a little less skin bared, Ladies should avoid wearing excessive jewellery. It hurts.

In addition to applauding the caller and thanking your fellow dancers at the end of each bracket you should personally speak to and thank the caller or cuer before leaving the dance. If you are a visitor you should also make a point of speaking to the club officer.

Once a bracket is underway, refrain from talking. It is frequently difficult to hear and your talking may very well prevent someone else from hearing a call. It is also extremely rude to talk while announcements are being made. Try to quiet anyone speaking to you. Give the speaker the same consideration you want if you were speaking.

When the music starts, get on the floor. Don’t make the other dancers wait or the caller “beg” you to fill the square. Join the square nearest you that needs a couple. It is considered “bad manners” to pass square needing dancers in order to fill another. If you are looking for a square, raise your hand as you move across the floor. If your square is not full, raise your hand with as many fingers extended, as couples are needed. If two or three couples are squared up and do not have a hand up, it indicates that they are waiting for someone who has promised to dance with them. Do not try and square up with them without asking. Do not arrange squares more than once in an evening, it is best not to arrange a square at all. Do not get on the floor and expect the caller to find you a partner.

Always introduce yourself and your partner to others in the square if you don’t know them. Thank them for dancing with you after the bracket.

For some, square dancing can be strenuous exercise. If you feel you are unable to dance, sit out. It is usually best to remove yourself from the dance area and return after the bracket has started. Sometimes you can learn a great deal just by watching and listening. Be considerate. If another dancer is watching and listening, don’t insist upon talking. Square dancing is a social event but not a place to socialize during brackets or rounds even if you are not dancing.

(Editor’s comment)Whilst this article has been taken from the West Virginia Square and Round Dance Federation I am sure you would agree that most of these mentioned, would apply wherever you danced.

Extract from: The Square Dance Review booklet:- March 2013

Weekly Admission once annual membership is paid:

Child: $2.50

Adult: $5.00

Family: $12.50

Annual Membership Fees Due NOW for 2013

Child: $5.00

Adult: $10.00

Family: $25.00

If annual membership has not been paid:

Child: $3.50

Adult: $7.00

Family: $15.00

**Clogging News:**

We had a great weekend of clogging at our Annual “Storm King Camp” 8th -10th March. For our new cloggers, these are great weekends to attend. Lots of great friendships and lots of clogging. Ask about attending the next camp, you will find, that as well as being great fun, you get lots of practice learning new dances.  
Aussie clog is the next camp to look forward to. July 26th 27th, 28th.  
Thankyou to everyone who dressed in green for our St. Patrick’s Day celebration. We should have had a prize for the lady who went to the effort of wearing shamrock shoelaces. Good on you for joining in.  
Our next event is The URBAN COUNTRY Music Festival at Caboolture, Clogging once again included in the list of happenings. We ask EZ Cloggers to support this weekend as it is in our home town. It will be great to see our new club shirts on the floor.  
On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May at the Caboolture Historical Village, Beerburrum Road, there will be Clogging sessions on both days at 11:30am and 3pm. free entry.  
The popular ‘Give-Clogging-a-Try’ segment will start off each session, followed by general Clogging. Look for the big white marquee.  
A Clogging Social Dance on the Sunday night from 6pm to 9:30pm with Stephen and Frances plus Guest Callers, will be held in the Stanmore Hall which is located right on Beerburrum Road at the top end of the Historical Village. Entry to Social Dance - $5.00 inc. supper. (Spectators free). (No EZ club class)  
The Historical Village’s displays will be open for viewing.  
Loads of other displays and food stalls on site.  
Also in May is the Chug-A-Lug Birthday Dance. Saturday 18th.  
See you on the dance floor

Maureen Miller  
Clogging Representative.

***Happy Birthday/Anniversary for all those special people that celebrate in the months of April, May & June ☺***

*We would like to remind our dancers to please use the sanitizer on hands between dances, and before supper. The sanitizer bottles are provided at various locations around the hall. “ Keep those germs at bay!” NO ONE wants to be sick!!*

**For Sale- 3 new club shirts**

**Ladies size 12 & 16**

**Men’s size L Selling for $23.00 each**

**If interested see Delwyn**

*Kitchen News.*

On behalf of our “Providore’s” we would like to extend our appreciation of thanks to everyone that brings a little something for supper to share each week.

***SNAKES A LIVE -2013***

**OUR FEATURE CALLER**

**DAVID COX**

**From Port Macquarie**

***Each year we call upon the members of our***

***club for kind donations for raffles. Once again I would like to ask for this kind gesture to take place. If you are able to donate it would be much appreciated, please see one of our committee members***

***The committee is looking forward to all the hard work ahead of them to host Snakes Alive on the 17th/18th May 2013.***

***This will be held in Burpengary Hall on Station Road, Burpengary.***

Day Sessions $8.00 Basic/Beginner Session **free** Evening Sessions $10.00

Weekend Ticket $25.00

***Friday night***

***7.00 - 7.30pm Ezi Rounds***

***7.30 – 10.30pm Mainstream***

***Saturday Day***

***10.00 – 12.00pm mainstream with a difference***

***1.00– 3.00pm Plus with Pleasure***

***3.00 – 5.00pm Basic Beginners***

***7.00 - 7.30pm Ezi Rounds***

***7.30 – 11.00pm Gala Square***

Julie

Newsletter Editor

*E.Z. Squares would like to thank* ***Darren Grimwade MP*** *for the use of his facilities when printing our newsletters ☺*

















