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Hello Dancers and welcome to the Winter Edition of our E.Z. Squares Newsletter for 2012.

Wow! It’s hard to believe that we are half way through the year already! With only 4 months until graduation, it’s wonderful to see all our new dancers conquering the art of square dancing so well, won’t be long and you too will be able to experience the joy of teaching the new comers next year.

***Just a Reminder….***

**Committee Members:**

Geoff Link - Parker - *President*

Maureen Miller - *V/President/Clogging Rep*

Bert Bowden - *Treasurer*

Arthur Trumper – *Assistant Treasurer*

Delwyn Link- Parker – *Secretary*

Ken McCulloch – *Providore*

Margie Webber - *Co-Providore*

Kaye Clouston - *Publicity/Liaison Officer*

Julie McCulloch *– Newsletter Editor*

Glenn Wilson - *Caller*

Rod Dinte - *Co-Caller*

The committee members are working hard to make our club the very best it can be, please help us, by making suggestions, on any matter.

***Dates to Remember***

**Friday July 20th** Visit to Rambling 8’s

**Tuesday July 31st** party night theme “J” Night

**Tuesday October 30th** party night theme “Place of Origin”

**Tuesday October 30th** Visit from Lighthouse Squares to E.Z. Squares **August 25th –** Gala Dance and Sunshine State Round up

**27th November -** Graduation and Club Birthday

**4th December -** Last Dance for 2012

**The 2012 QCA Amateur Callers Contest**

**Venue**: St. Joseph’s Primary School

42 Pine Mountain Rd, North Ipswich

**Date:** Saturday 25 August 2012

**Prices:**

**Dancers:**

**Gala Dance $8.00**

**State Roundup $8.00 (members)**

**State Roundup $10.00 (non-members)**

**Children: Half Price**

**Spectators: Free**

**QCA GALA DANCE**

**Amateur Callers’ Contest**

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

*Mainstream and Basic.*

**Qld Square Dancing Society**

**SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP**

***7:00pm***: Rounds (Paula Armstrong)

***7:30pm***: Squares

***8:00pm***: Dressed Set Parade and official welcome

***Please bring a plate for supper.***

Our club is proud to announce that Ken will be representing E.Z. Squares Caboolture for this grand event. He has our full support and we would like to wish him the very best of luck!

Last year our club introduced Hand Sanitizer: “What a success”

*With winter upon us , 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 winter germs at bay!”*

**For anyone celebrating in the month of July, August and September Happy Birthday/ Anniversary!!! ☺**

*Behind the scenes of our very busy club are dedicated committee members working to put together outfits for demonstrations, and club**visits; I would like to give a huge thank you to these people, you are the ones that make these visits so successful.*

On Saturday 30th June several dancers from EZ Squares visited Pine Rivers Squares for a fun filled night of dancing for their PYJAMA NIGHT There were several callers there including our own Glenn Wilson and Elaine Davies and it was great to see some of our new dancers there as well and doing our club proud on the dance floor.

As well as being a fun evening it was also a very rewarding evening with our club wining several prizes namely Margaret Webber winning the main raffle prize of a food hamper, Geoff Linck-Parker winning one of the lucky door prizes and also Geoff & Delwyn winning first prize for the best dressed.

***Our next club visit is to RAMBLING EIGHTS on 20th July so don't forget to put your name down on the list on Tuesday night if you would like to car pool by taking any passengers or require a lift, and we will endeavor to cater for everyone.***

**Looking Back:**

They came dressed in their rags and some in their riches, the theme “For Richer or Poorer” this is what we call an E.Z. Squares Party Night!!

A fun filled night of dancing and laughs, sometimes at the same time. It was great to see six squares on the floor enjoying the evening.

Photos later in newsletter

***Word from the Kitchen***

Supper is enjoyed by all, not only is it a time to cool down after a fun filled evening of dancing it is also a chance to get to know your fellow dancers a little better. Thank you to all that help in the kitchen and for those who bring a plate to share, it is very much appreciated.

***Clogging News***

*Well, we are already into the 2nd half of the year and it is racing by. Stephen returned safe and well from his European holiday with his wife Michelle, a well deserved break, and he only had to come back for 1 week before we had our annual 2 weeks off due to the Caboolture Show.*

*Thanks to all EZ Cloggers for venturing south of the river to join in the fun day of clogging for Chuggs 25th Birthday. If you didn’t go through the Clem Jones Tunnel, you really should try it next year, as it was so easy to get to Greenslopes. If you are interested, ask Donna.*

*We have just been “having a go” at the 6 dances that have been nominated for the Queensland Showcase for 2012. The result will be known by the time we go to Aussie Clog, so we can have our first practice together.*

*Upcoming events, Aussie Clog 27th, 28th and 29th July. If you haven’t registered yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have never been before, then ask another clogger, it is well worth the trip down to Victoria Point. There are 3 halls for teaching, so all levels are catered for. Friday night is not catered, so take your own evening meal, or grab something at the nearby shopping centres. A fun weekend, not to be missed.*

*As I have said, the year is racing along and we will all be discussing the Annual Clogging Convention.*

*This is being held in Adelaide on 21st, 22nd and 23rd September. If you intend to join in on the fun, you will need to look at accommodation, flights and Registration in the very near future.*

*The Annual Clogging Association membership is now due; don’t forget the membership includes insurance. $20,*

*Welcome to our new dancers, we hope you soon realize that clogging is very addictive and you are joining a very devoted group of people who just can’t wait to get back on the dance floor.*

*If you have had a birthday or are about to, we wish you many happy returns. If it is a special birthday, then let us know so we can celebrate with you.*

*See you on the dance floor, and keep those feet a tapping.*

*Maureen*

*Clogging Representative*

*Vice President.*

**53rd Australian National Square Dance Convention,**

**Hobart Tasmania*.***

If you missed it, you missed out on a great time.

For the Callers it started on Tuesday 5th June. We had 2 International Callers Jerry Jestin and Nasser Shukayr.

As well as Brian Hotchkies and Steve Turner for a 2 ½ day Callers Conference . It was great to spend the time

discussing all aspects of square dancing, from Recruitment to Choreography.

Jerry will be calling at Buderim next month and Nasser will be calling for Caboolture next April.

The camaraderie of the Conference carried through into the Convention which started on the Thursday night.

It was a well run, friendly Convention, with all the usual stalls, dancing, dressed sets and of course the meetings.

While it was a small Convention (approx. 500+), it was really great to catch up with old (and not so old) friends.

The venues were the City Hall and Town Hall, right in the middle of Hobart. They are both beautiful old heritage -listed buildings. These buildings were only about 500 metres apart, making it very easy to go from one hall to the other. The City Hall was also only about 250 Metres from the front door of my accommodation.

The City Hall has a gallery with seating all the way around, this made great viewing for the Dressed-Set Parade.

As this year was the 60th anniversary of Black and White television in Tasmania, that was the theme for the whole convention. The stage was decorated as a giant old “Rank Arena” television, complete with “Rabbit Ear” antenna.

The callers and cuers looked like they were “On Screen”.

The Thursday night was “Black & White” Dress night and the Monday night was “Black and White” Television Character night. There were plenty of “Mouseketeers”, let me tell you. A pity there was no Pied Pipers to lead them away. There was plenty of good calling and dancing over the 5 days of Convention. There was absolute Beginner session’s right throughout to A2, as well as many levels of Rounds from Beginner to Advanced. And don’t forget the Clogging, Basic, Intermediate and Advanced.

If you can’t find a dance to enjoy at the National Convention, you must be hard to please.

***Next year’s 54th ANSDC is in Gosford N.S.W. It’s only a day’s drive away, why don’t you think about going?***

***Early bird tickets are only $75.00 until the end of July, get in quick. Ask me to get you a registration form***.

The 55th ANSDC in 2014 is in Canberra, think about that one as well.

That’s all for now,

Glenn

***Driving in the Rain…***

**THIS MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

*How to achieve good vision while driving during a heavy downpour*. We are not sure why it is so effective; just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was told by a police friend who had experienced it and confirmed it. It’s useful even driving at night.

Most of the motorists would turn on High or Fast speed of the wipers during a heavy downpour, yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still bad….

In the event you face such a situation, just put on you sunglasses any model will do, it’s miraculous! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Make sure you always have a pair of Sunglasses in your car. You are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but might save your friends life by giving them this idea. Try it yourself and share it with your friends. Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield but not the sheets of rain falling. You can see where the rain bounces of the road. It works to eliminate the blindness from passing cars or the kick up, if you are following a car in the rain. This is a good warning. I wonder how many people knew about this.

**ANOTHER GOOD TIP**:

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago. Its was raining, though not excessively when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence! When she explained to the police officer what had happened, he told her something that every driver should know – Never drive in the rain with your cruise control on. She thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe speed in the rain. But the police man told her that if the cruise control is on, your car will begin to hydro-plane when the tyres lose contact with the road, and your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed making you take off like an aero plane.

She told the officer that was exactly what had occurred. The officer said this warning should be listed on the drivers seat sun-visor – Never use the cruise control when the road is wet or icy, along with the airbag warning. We tell all teenagers to set cruise control and drive a safe speed – but we don’t tell them to use the cruise control only on dry surfaces.

**QCA 32nd Qld State Square Dance Convention**

Hosted by:   
**Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.**  
  
on behalf of:  
**The Queensland Callers’ Association**

**September 28, 29, 30th 2012**

**Main Venue: Great Hall, Hervey Bay High School,**

**56-70 Beach Road, Pialba, Qld 4655**

**PROGRAMME;**

* **Friday Night:** 7pm Rounds, 7.30-10.30pm Mainstream: Includes Official Opening
* **Saturday Morning:** 9am – 12noon Clogging: Memorial Hall, Main Street
* **Saturday Morning:** 9.30-10am A1 (depending on numbers) and 10am -12noon PLUS
* **Saturday Afternoon:** 1pm – 4pm Rounds: Memorial Hall, Main Street
* **Saturday Afternoon:** 1.30 – 4pm Mainstream
* **Saturday Night:** 7pm Rounds, 7.30-10.30pm Mainstream: Includes Dressed Sets Parade
* **Sunday Morning:** 9.30-10.30am State Convention Meeting
* **Sunday Morning:** 10.30am – 1pm Mainstream and Contras
* **Sunday Afternoon:** 2-2.30pm A1 (depending on numbers) 2.30-4.30pm PLUS Workshop
* **Sunday Night:** 7pm Rounds, 7.30-10.30pm Mainstream: Includes Closing Ceremony
* **SESSION TICKETS:** Daytime $12: Night Time $15
* **CLOGGING:** Session Price - $10,
* **STUDENTS:** Under 16 - ½ Price

**FOOD:** Free Tea & Coffee all weekend. Canteen on site for snacks, meals & cold drinks.

***On the lighter side…***

Paddy is doing some roofing work for Murphy He nears the top of the ladder and starts shaking and going dizzy. He calls down to Murphy and says "I tink I will ave to go home, I've come all over giddy and feel sick." Murphy asks "Ave yer got vertigo?" Paddy replies "No I only live round the corner."

E.Z. Squares would like to thank **Darren Grimwade MP** for printing our newsletter.





Dress set for Demo at Tullawong State School Fete



For Richer or Poorer Party Night





















