

E.Z. Squares Caboolture Dance Club Inc.

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Newly Elected COMMITTEE:

Geoff Linck -Parker –President
Julie McCulloch - Vice President
Yvonne Brittingham– Secretary
Ted Newton - Treasurer
Ken McCulloch– Assist Treasurer
Julie McCulloch –Newsletter Editor
Margaret Webber – Providore
Debbie Webber - Co-Providore

Maureen Miller – Clogging Rep

CALLERS:

Glenn Wilson - Senior Caller
Rod Dinte
Peter Clarke
Elaine Davis
Ken McCulloch

PRESIDENTS REPORT AGM 2016

Welcome Ladies and 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.

During the past year our club once again visited Lighthouse Squares and Northside Promenader's.

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. In 2015 EZ Squares nominated to host the 35th Qld State Convention.

According to all feedback received it was one of the most successful conventions and I believe EZ Squares can hold their head high and be very proud of the efforts put in by all. The members who put in many hours canvassing business houses for donations for raffle prizes of which there were 126 should be highly commended for their efforts along with all those who designed and helped with the decorating of the venue or assisted in many other ways A fund raising sausage sizzle was held at Masters Morayfield in February this year and it was pleasing to see so many members come forward to lend a hand. I must also say that EZ Clogger's have also contributed to this club being the success it is.

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

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

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E Z Squares Dance Club Inc Caboolture New Committee 2016



Geoff Linck -Parker –President



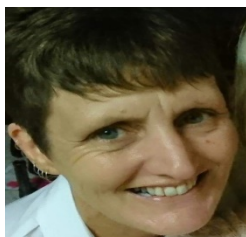
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Debbie Webber - Co-Providore

As a result of the AGM - The outgoing committee - must be commended on their year that was.

A lot of unseen hours go into meetings and organization of events. Well done to all and THANK YOU!

Welcome to the incoming committee- Let's all support these members the best way we can. After all this is your club! Help us to keep it a friendly and enjoyable place to meet and dance.



New Dance Programme Format for 2016

Commencing on Feb 9th 2016 EZ Squares are trialling a new format which we hope will be advantageous to all members, and

hope you will all bear with us during this period.

It is proposed that learners/refreshers will now be from 7pm– 8pm followed by mainstream from 8pm- 9.30pm. During the mainstream time frame a plus bracket will be incorporated depending on the number of plus dancers available.

Mainstream dancers are welcome to come from 7pm onwards to assist and encourage our new dancers.

After 8pm there will be no teaching brackets for the 2016 beginners thus enabling our mainstreamers to dance and gain their full potential in mainstream.

New dancers for 2016 are quite welcome to remain after their teaching bracket and watch mainstream and enjoy supper afterwards..

E.Z Squares newest dances have now mastered all the Basic moves and we are only in the month of June - well done Debbie and Carol, now it is time to get up on the floor and practice, and practice some more. Don't forget that we all started as learners at some stage in our square dancing journey.

Keep smiling! ☺

BE KIND TO THE BEGINNERS

Be kind to the beginners even though they often flub, With courtesy, let's greet them; they're the new blood of the club, And when we see them struggling, let us lend a willing hand, Guide them o'er

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the rough spots and to help them understand, Be good to the beginners when they join you in a square, And introduce your partner to the gent and his lady fair, And though they may be strangers when we walk into the set, Remember that a stranger is a friend you haven't met.

*A reminder to all 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!!*

Dates to Remember –2016

17th July 2016 – Car Observation Rally

19th July 2016 – Minimbah State School

25th July 2016 – Lighthouse Squares 36th
Birthday party - Hawaiian Theme

26th July 2016 – Minimbah State School

27th Aug 2016 – Re - Union Get Together

30th Aug 2016- Party Night Cross
Dressing

30th Aug 2016 – Lighthouse Squares visit
EZ

1st Nov 2016 – Melbourne Cup Night

29th Nov 2016 – Party Night Cryptic

(Who am I) Night

29th Nov 2016 – Graduation/
Family&Friends

6th Dec 2016 – Christmas Break up Dance

E.Z. Square Dance Club in 2016 will be trialling something new. Please bear with us as we introduce a TRIAL dance agenda.

7pm to 8pm Learners (Mainstream are encouraged to join to assist with the learners)

8pm to 9.30pm Mainstream / (if numbers permit – a plus bracket will be danced in this time slot)

9.30pm Supper

Admission for the Learner's bracket

Adult - \$5.00

Child - \$2.00

Family- \$12.00 (2 adult /2 children)

Admission Fees per Dance Night

Child: \$2.50

Adult: \$6.00

Family: \$14.50

Annual Membership Fees. Due Now

Child: \$5.00

Adult: \$10.00

Family: \$25.00

If Annual Membership has **NOT** been paid, the Fee per Dance Night is:

Child: \$3.50

Adult: \$7.00

Family: \$15.00

GROUND RULES FOR SQUARE DANCING

I. BE ON TIME FOR CLUB AND CLASSES:

In square dancing, one late couple or person may mean that three other couples or seven people must sit out. In planning an evening's program, the caller leans heavily on the first and last tips to pace his dance.

Something New In 2016

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II. DON'T LEAVE EARLY: By leaving early, you are telling the other dancers and caller that you did not have a good time at the dance. The "wind-down" tip is just as important as the first or middle tips. Plan to spend the complete evening when you come.

III. BE A THOUGHTFUL DANCER: Personal cleanliness is important in square dancing. Use your DEODORANT. Don't forget to use something to sweeten your breath (mouth wash, chewing gum, etc.). Don't drink. Your coordination must be at its very best.

IV. GET INTO SQUARES QUICKLY: When the caller announces to square your sets, join the square nearest to you that needs a couple. 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 to square up with them without asking. Do not arrange squares more than once in an evening. It is best not arrange a square at all. Do not get on the floor and expect the caller to find you a partner.

V. BE A GOOD LISTENER: Talking during the course of square dancing is distracting to you and especially others. It makes it difficult for others in the square to "catch" the instructions and hear the music. Remember there is room for only one teacher at a time. You can help others best by being in the correct place at the correct time. Pointing or a hand motion is always the better way to direct someone that is going in the wrong direction.

VI. BE A COURTEOUS DANCER: 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 tip. Don't use extra twirls and kicks that interfere with others in our square. It is considered "bad manners" to pass a square needing dancers in order to fill another.

Even more important, beware of the unpardonable sin: never leave a square once you have joined it until the tip is over. If you must leave in an emergency, try to fill your spot with a substitute. By all means, tell the others why you must leave.

VII. BE A COOPERATIVE DANCER: It might be said that square dancing is an activity where everyone is responsible for everyone else's happiness. A square is not made up of eight individuals working independently, but rather in one unit with no individual person attempting to show off or be a star. The real pleasure comes when each person does his share making the square run smoothly.

VIII. TAKE IT EASY: Don't overdo. Square dancing can be strenuous exercise. If you are too tired to dance, sit out. It is usually best to remove yourself from the hall or to the rest room--not the coffee room. 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 tips or rounds even if you are not dancing.

IX. BE A FRIENDLY DANCER: "Friendship is square dancing's greatest reward." Take the opportunity to get acquainted with others in the square. Make it a point to dance with as many different dancers as possible each evening. It has been said that "Square dancing is friendship set to music."

X. ENJOY YOURSELF--HAVE FUN: Come to the dance expecting to have a good time and you'll have it. Come to the dance with the attitude that it is the caller's job or someone else's job to show you a good time and chances are you will have a poor evening. When you applaud at the end of a tip, you are thanking the caller and the other dancers in your square, but you are applauding yourself also for a good job well done.

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DON'T FORGET:
"A SMILE ON YOUR FACE
HELPS YOUR FEET WORK BETTER

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SQUARE DANCING

I. Thou shalt square dance only for the fun which thee will find in it.

II. Thou shall not be a snob considering thyself too good to dance with any and all sitting out the mixers, or leaving a square lest thou be required to dance with those whom thou deemest unworthy of thy talents, for the gods of retribution are zealous gods, and will visit their mischief upon thee. and thou wilt be the one to goof the square.

III. Thou shalt be exuberant. but shalt act thy age. Do not offend others by thy high flung legs, and outflared skirts.

IV. Thou shalt go abroad and dance with other callers so thy opinions expressed as to merit of this one and that one are based on fact.

V. Thou shalt not let the stranger in thy midst sit on the sidelines and cool his heels, nor fail to speak to him.

VI. Thou shalt bathe diligently that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of thy associates.

VII. Thou shalt take care that the words of thy mouth are not scented with garlic or beer.

VIII. Thou shalt honor thy club and give thy loyalty, for if thou canst not do this, it were better to separate thyself from it and join thyself to another whose methods, members and callers are more to thy liking.

IX. Thou shalt not kill thy club with bickering and fault finding.

X. Thou shalt not forget that thou were once a beginner.

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Gary McClure, Webmaster

***Happy Birthday/Anniversary for all
those special people that celebrate in
the months of***

March, April & May ☺



March Birthdays

Vivienne, Delwyn and Brenda



April - Birthdays

Mavis, Geoff, Kay, Rod & Noelene

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May - Birthdays

Yvonne, Denice, Brenda, Ted, Trevor & Graham

June – Birthday

Lorraine, Carolyn, Colin and Ken

(pics next newsletter)

If you haven't let us know which month your BIRTHDAY is in -we can't celebrate!, this is done on the 4th Tuesday of every month. That is for all celebrating a BIRTHDAY in that month

Receive the Bugle on line using this web site:
<http://www.squaredancingsocietyofqueensland.org/the-bugle.html>

DUE to Farm Fantastic No Dancing in CT Williams Hall on -

Tuesday 19th July 2016

Tuesday 26th July 2016

**Dancing on the above dates at -
Minimbah State School Hall**

**Lighthouse Squares is having their 36th
Birthday Night on 25th July 2016
Hawaiian Theme**

Please bring a plate

NEWS BREAK!- 28th June 2016

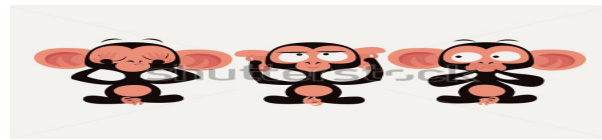
National Convention is happening, I've heard a whisper a certain Rod and helper Ken will be in our Hall for the evening (no doubt causing havoc!) Remember this date 28th JUNE 2016

Causal wear! There will be NO teaching on this night-

**Dancing begins -
7pm – 9.30pm**

Finishing with supper - bring a plate to share.

(Glenn is of to the National Convention – have fun Glenn)



While the Cats away – The Mice will play!

**EZ Squares Social Day will be
Sunday 17th July 2016**

\$5.00 per car

Bring own picnic/ bbq lunch

Car Observation Drive.

***With a Huge shout out to Arthur –
for organizing this remarkable fun seeking
day. For more details stay tuned. Final
numbers for car observation need to be in
by end of June – see Ted***

Kitchen News –

Maggie and Debbie welcome you to the kitchen every Tuesday night; please remember it's because of our club members bringing a plate of small offerings to share –

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accompanied by tea or coffee that makes for
small chat/ conversation more enjoyable.
Thank you in advance for bringing supper.

Hi All!

*Im back again for another year of bringing all the
news and events happening at Our Club "E.Z
Squares" If you would like something printed in
the newsletter, drop me a line or see me.*

Newsletter Editor

Julie



***E.Z. Squares would like to
thank Mark Ryan for the use of his facilities
when printing our newsletters.***