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Glenn Wilson - Senior Caller Rod Dinte Elaine Davis Ken McCulloch

Message from the President-

Welcome back everybody; I hope this year will be as much fun as previous years.

I would like to say! Welcome to all New Dancers to our Club, We hope that you enjoy the fun and exercise that the rest us of have done and continue to do so for years to come.

As the year is young, there is not a lot to reflect on except to say all the best for the New Year, however, please keep in mind the AGM on the 9th May when you all! have to elect your new Committee, for which I am not available for any

positions on the Committee this Year -Along with Ken and Julie!, who also held positions on the committee, They have moved from the district - so three of us are unavailable to stand for any positions on this up and coming Committee in 2017.

Just to explain, I have been on the committee for I think six years now, five of which as president. So I think it is time for others in the Club to step up! Besides, Delwyn and I hope to start doing some travelling, so we may not be available enough to do any positions justice.

I have enjoyed thoroughly! All the time that I have been a Committee member, I can't thank enough everyone during that time who has made this club prosper and be an enjoyable place to be at, not only to dance, but, also to join in our other activities. Through all of this some wonderful friendships have emerged.

Best Regards



Geoff Linck - Parker President

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Read this the other day:
Something to think about maybe for our club and the up and coming AGM in May

Concerned Dancer:

The mighty oak started as one little nut, but by golly it only grew to its size and strength in the right climate. To make a great Society I believe we need to be run by ordinary dancers, preferably from as many different Clubs as possible to avoid the perception of favoured Clubs. I'm pretty sure that we all want a vehicle at start level that can provide cohesive frame work with such things as a regular state wide newsletter, advertising through a website and other such support to Clubs, not forgetting the fabulous functions when we can get together for a fun night or weekend, were you are guaranteed a fantastic time dancing and socializing Let's all pull together, we all need to think long and hard as to how we each can truly serve and hold up the Society and enable it to flourish and work with not only QCA but also at a national level to make Square Dancing great.

It's kind of like the 'Obituary' to 'Some One Else' we've all heard that the most jobs seem to get done by 'Some One Else' (and when they don't get done its assumed 'Some One Else' died!) I think it is time we all took responsibility for assisting the great past time in which we participate. It occurred to me that some people who you think would be 'Naturals' in a positon have all these valid 'Reasons' why they can't be involved. What we all need is an attitude change...... And ask ourselves! Why not give it a go and put yourself forward......

Concerned Dancer

(Article taken from the Bugle)

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 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.



DON'T FORGET:
"A SMILE ON YOUR FACE
HELPS YOUR FEET WORK BETTER"
First Night back Dancing 2017

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We had a really good roll up for our first night back last night Tuesday the 7th Feb 2017. Some newcomers – came, some had danced before and some had not. There are some more newcomers coming next week as well 14th Feb.

In all we had three sets up with some spares. Everyone seemed pleased to be back, we greeted people we haven't seen since last year and everyone made a big effort to make the newcomers feel welcome. When I talked to them, they said they had a good time and would be back next week. (I believe some might have actually joined.)

Despite the terrible heat - especially in that hall - we managed to put in a full program with not a lot of time in between sets. Glenn did a really great job in getting everyone up and dancing; Elaine did a couple of brackets and a duo with Glenn.

Heard a whisper! Vivienne had been interviewed at a Yoga Seminar in Calandra recently and was on TV. We knew that was planned from last year, unfortunately we didn't get the news until after the event. Vivian will be celebrating her 95th Birthday on the 12th March 2017, what a great achievement, all the very best Vivian.

I met Brenda and Brian Lindsay while out shopping last week and Brian is on his feet. He is using a wheelie walker and looks a lot thinner but who wouldn't be after what he has been through. The main thing is he is on the mend, however slowly that may be.

Yvonne E.Z Squares Secretary Kitchen News At the end of the evening - all join in the kitchen for some yummy supper; the committee extends their appreciation to all that bring along to share (supper), If it wasn't for you kind people it would just be a cuppa!

Birthdays are celebrated on the 4th Tuesday of every month – Debbie and Margie organize through the Bakery named below, for the Mouthwatering Birthday or Celebration Cake.





Our New Look Cake Figurines - many thanks to Anita McDickens

"Please Remember"!

Square Dancing is done - all by hand gestures a lot of these are hand touching. Remember to use the HAND SANITISER to stop the spread of germs. Our club is happy to provide this, please use to keep those bad germs away

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Dates to Remember -2017

7th Feb 2017 – Mainstream Dancers Only

 14^{th} / 21^{st} & 28^{th} Feb - FREE entry for Learners

23rd May - Party Night - Disney Theme

July DTA - Light House Squares Visit

29th Aug - Party Night – Country and Western

Oct DTA - Club visit to Light House Squares

31st Oct - Party Night - Halloween

7th Nov - Melbourne Cup Night

28th Nov - Graduation

5th Dec - Xmas Breakup

Due to –"Farm Fantastic and Caboolture Show": **No Dancing** at CT Williams Hall on the following Dates 6th June 13th June 27th June 4th July

Change in Venue for these above Dance Night's - <u>Minimbah State</u> <u>School</u>

Annual Membership Fee:-

Due by end of March 2017

To be able to be nominated or to vote at the AGM on the 9th May2017 - You need to be a financial member

Admission Fees per Dance Night (Learners)

Child: \$3.00 Adult: \$6.00

Family: POA

Mainstream Dancers

Child: \$3.50

Adult: \$7.00

Family: POA

Annual Membership Fees.

Child: \$5.00

Adult: \$10.00

Family: POA

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If Annual Membership has <u>NOT</u> been paid, the Fee per Dance Night is:

Child: \$4.00 Adult: \$8.00 Family: POA

AS OF FEBRUARY 2017 – PRICES FOR ENTRY HAVE BEEN AJUSTED, DUE TO HALL HIRE INCREASE.

November

December

Photos and Names TBA

The Club Celebrates Birthdays on the 4th
Tuesday of every Month

If you don't tell us the Month your Birthday is! We may not have a cake to celebrate with.

How Do You Say it? E.Z Squares (pronounced- Easy Squares)

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

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

News to Hand –
Have been informed that on the
11th April 2017
18th April 2017
Glenn and Elaine will be at the National
Convention in Bendigo (Victoria)

Not to fear – You want Square Dancing!

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P.S

You've got it – Dancing there will be! Rod Dinte and Ken will assist with putting you through your paces.

Look forward to seeing you all very soon.

So! You all thought you had read my last Newsletter in 2016. I thought I'd written my last as well :) But I'm back for now!

Here I am sitting at my table in Hannaford-

350klms from Caboolture, I attempt to put together a newsletter for a great Square Dance Club -

E.Z. Squares

Even though I may not be there in body, I do have many helpers keeping an Ear and Eye open to bring to me the happenings so I can put words on paper. I am contactable via email if there is something you believe is fit for a newsletter.

Newsletter Editor Julie



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