



NORTHERN NSW SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION INC.

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Newsletter – April 2010

To: All Club Callers/Leaders & Dancers

Hi Everybody,

March was certainly a busy month in the Northern Rivers area. The first weekend, Woopi Twirlers celebrated their 19th birthday, the second weekend Alstonville Summerland Larrikins celebrated their 18th and on the third weekend Ballina Waves celebrated their 3rd birthday. Congratulations to all these clubs for their birthdays.

Glen Innes Birthday: This will be the next forthcoming event on our calendar and will be held over the Anzac Weekend. Unfortunately Barry has had a bit of a hitch with the usual hall with the school deciding to carpet the floor during the school holidays. But never fear, Barry has been able to come up with an alternate hall for us to dance in. The function will now be held at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Macquarie and Bourke Streets. Please contact Barry if any further information is needed.

Promotional Ideas: Following on from Marylou Woods' suggestion I have contacted a company called Community Network in Queensland. This company handles the in-house advertising in doctors' surgeries, chemist shops etc. etc. throughout Australia. Following are the details I have obtained:-

- a) We would need to sign a 24 month contract
- b) Cost is \$26 per week for the 24 months or \$1352 per year.
- c) This can be paid weekly, monthly or yearly – our choice.
- d) We would need to send them any artwork and wording we want. They would then put a suitable advertisement together, which would be sent to us for approval before screening.
- e) We would need to pay \$239 up front to cover the costs of setting up the advertisement.
- f) The advertisement can be moved from town to town but must have a minimum showing of one month at any place before being moved onto somewhere else.

This idea will be on the agenda for discussion at our next meeting at Glen Innes. Please discuss the matter within your club so we can get an idea of ...

- i) How many clubs would be interested in being a part of this type of promotion
- ii) How much of the cost will be covered by our Association
- iii) Would the Association pay the up front costs and clubs pay the monthly fee
- iv) Would the Association pay the full costs
- v) Do we look at going ahead with this type of promotion

The Network company will be sending me a list of businesses in each of our towns that have the in-house TV, which I am hoping I will receive in time for the Glen Innes meeting. If anyone has any questions please contact me ASAP so I can find out the answers. If your club won't have representation at the meeting please get in touch and let me know your club's thoughts on this matter.

Gala Weekend: It is now only four months until our Woolgoolga Gala Festival at the end of August. As usual I will be asking for dancers to help with the running of this weekend. We need help with setting up on Friday afternoon, manning the tea and coffee on both afternoons, selling raffle tickets, cleaning up on Sunday night and various other small jobs. The more helpers we can get, the less time any dancer will have to be away from the dancing. Peter Humphries will be our feature caller this year and Jane Rayner will be our round dancer cuer. We have also added a clogging session to the programme on Sunday morning. Information flyer and registration form will be sent out to all clubs in the next couple of weeks.

2010 NSW State Convention: We are now only about four and a half months away from this event. (Doesn't time fly by?) The early bird price has now closed and the full price of \$55 now applies. We now have over 160 registrations with more coming in each day so make sure you don't miss out and get your registration sent in soon. Don't forget the special discount of \$5 if you are a member of the NSW Square Dance Society (this discount also applies to dancers outside NSW who are members of their State's Society). Registration forms can be obtained from our Website – www.nnswsda.info

Forthcoming Events:

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| April 24th/25th | Glen Innes 29th Birthday Weekend with Multiple Visiting Callers |
| May 4th | Coffs Harbour Squares 37th Birthday |
| May 8th | Uralla Combined Clubs Night – Armidale, Glen Innes & Tamworth (Please contact Barry Knight for further details) |
| May 14th -16th | Classified A Festival – Toukley – Brian Hotchkies/Barry Wonson |
| May 22nd -31st | Casino Beef Week– Casino Willi-Whirlers |
| May 29th | NSW Square Dance Society Dance |
| June 10th-14th | National Square Dance Convention at Wodonga |
| June 26th-27th | Casino Willi-Whirlers 27th Birthday |

5-Day Callers School: Our annual 5-day callers school will again be held in Casino from 21st to 25th June with Brian Hotchkies as our illustrious instructor. There are still a couple of vacancies available for anyone interested in learning extra skills to improve your calling or learning what calling is all about. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested. Any dancers who might be in the area during that time are more than welcome to also come along and maybe act as 'guinea pigs' for the callers or just see what our callers have to go through to give you a good time on your club nights.

April Association Meeting: This will be held at the end of the afternoon session of the Glen Squares birthday on Saturday 24th at 5pm. Minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for this meeting are being send with this newsletter so if you have anything you wish to be included for discussion at the meeting please send it to me NOW. Apologies for the meeting would also be appreciated.

Wilma

Quote of the Month: Trouble hates nothing as much as a Smile. 😊😊😊
Share one of yours with someone today.