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NATIONAL STYLE

(By Square Joe)

With the Sixth National Convention only a matter of weeks away, perhaps dancers should give serious thought to using this opportunity to sort out the myriad different ways of doing standardised movements.

Please let no one reply that we do not need standardisation. America fought for years to become standardised, and, while there are local variations, it is now possible to

I feel that serious consideration should be given to the following:

PROMENADE: There is the old method and the new Skater's Waltz position. It is interesting to note that several American areas have now adopted the Skater's Waltz method of promenade, which I believe started in Sydney.

RETURN TO ORIGINAL POSITION. When promenading to the original position, there are several methods. In Sydney, the woman is either twirled out as they do in America, or just turned in in a most awkward fashion. In Melbourne, there is a different form of twirl out, which is very acceptable, and Sydney dancers have been eyeing it with a view to adoption. There is also the McGrath style lean out, in which, if one misses the hand-grasp, they would break their back on the floor.

Recently shown in Sydney by a group of visiting Americans was a new method which is gaining in popularity throughout U.S.A., mainly because it cuts out wild swinging, is more graceful, and is less strenuous. This movement is performed by the couple turning out of the square on reaching their home position, then backing in a clockwise position, and then moving forward, still maintain-

ing the Skater's Waltz position of promenade and cutting out all twirling and bowing. This new style is well worth investigation.

McGRATH STYLE

This refers to a former Melbourne caller, and NOT Sydney caller Tom McGrath. When square dancing first arrived in Australia, Bill McGrath was one of the Melbourne organisers. He decided to adopt some purely Australian rules, one being that your partner was always your original partner and never changed, no matter what. There are several McGrath groups still in existence and no doubt they will have good arguments for maintaining their style of dancing.



square dance right throughout America. The same applies here, only to a lesser extent.

WALK AROUND YOUR CORNER SEE-SAW-TAW

For some unknown reason Australians do this the wrong way. The American movement is right shoulder corner and left shoulder partner. Every now and then you will notice a new square dance in which you come out of a movement and walk around your corner, and you seem to be doing this the wrong shoulder. This is because the dance has been written for the American movement. This particular movement confuses visiting Americans more than anything else.

DOCEY DOE v. DO PASO

Nowadays Do-Si-Do is not called for an allemande left partner, right corner, left partner. It has been suggested that Do-Si-Do is only the first two movements, but recent definition books do not give this. This call was dropped several years ago to eliminate the confusion with Do-Sa-Do, which is to walk around someone. The confusion has arisen because square dancing was basically taught in Australia by Joe Lewis, a Texan. However, even Joe does not teach the movement this way nowadays.

In Melbourne, Docey Doe

takes on a different meaning, as it is done with a whoop and a holler, a series of handclaps and twirls. This, of course, is where an area difference comes in, and it might be fair to say this is Docey Doe Melbourne Style.

However, one must imagine the Melbourne dancers are given more time to execute this particular movement than in the normal quick hoedowns given in other States.



BOX THE GNAT

There are still strongholds of Box the Gnat Texan Style in Sydney, where the man turns under instead of the woman. Like Do-Si-Do, even the original teacher of square dancing to Australia no longer teaches it this way in America.

These are only some of the ideas which could be discussed at the Convention. What are your views?



Convention Programme

All square dancers are invited to meet interstate friends and dance to visiting callers; also to witness exhibitions and discuss square dancing in the friendliest possible atmosphere.

Main functions are:—

★ JUNE 11

FRIDAY.—Get Acquainted Roundup, North Sydney Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Cammeray. Roy Welch, Len Woodhead, and Guest Callers.

★ JUNE 12

SATURDAY.—Sixth National Roundup, Monash Hut Ballroom, Rose Bay. Ron Jones and Guest Callers.

★ JUNE 13

SUNDAY.—Convention at Cecil House, Cronulla. Discussions, Demonstrations and Dancing. Roundup at Night.

★ JUNE 14

MONDAY.—Picnic Workshop at Royal National Park, Audley.

Have you sent your bookings to Secretary Bill Rolph, 7 Somerset Street, Hurstville? To-morrow may be too late! Junior squares should be prepared to dance two numbers. They are: "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and "Marina".

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Square Your Sets



The Greenwich Promenaders Club will hold a dance on Tuesday, April 27, and donate the proceeds to the Convention Fund. Help us raise money for the Convention by having fun dancing with the Greenwich Promenaders.

Punchbowl dancers make a big splash at Demonstration! This demonstration was being held at the "Corral", a riding school in Belrose, and was presented by the Starlighters team. As the team finished its final number, which incorporated a lift movement, one of the girls, Judy Parkes, and her partner, Melvyn Shape, suddenly found themselves in the pool by which they were dancing. The only comment was from Judy, who could only utter sounds like "Oh-oh-oh-oh" as she surfaced!

The first prize win in the guessing competition was by Gwen Napier, a Greenwich Promenader dancer. The second prize was won by Nev Shute from the North Ryde Club. Between the North Ryde and Tuesday night Greenwich clubs sixty-seven books were sold. So now Tom McGrath figures if he had bought them all himself he would have made twenty-three pounds.

At the Alan Blackwell Night Rose Bishop, of Parramatta Club, became very ill; so ill, in fact, that she was taken to the hospital. We are happy to report now that Rose is much better. Betty Willet, of the Punchbowl Club, was a pillar of strength at this time, assisting Rose and accompanying George and Rose to the hospital, which has proved, once again, what fine people we have in square dancing.

The barbeque held at the Teddy Thomas Ranch was a fine night out for some sixty to seventy square dancers. The chief cook was a Frenchman named Slushy Sam or Slow Pierre or something. Proceeds from the barbeque were donated

to the Convention fund. Many thanks to you, Teddy, and your family.

In spite of the rather humid weather in Sydney the last couple of months, at least five and up to ten sets have been danced to the calling of the Old Master, Ron Jones, at the Waggon Wheel Club, Punchbowl. With the Convention only a short time away, everyone is keyed up, and the general topic of conversation seems to be "What are we all going to wear?" Guess that by the time the Convention does get around this will be finally sorted out.

Coral Moss and Dave Welch, of the Punchbowl Club, will be married on April 10. Best wishes also to Carol Sharpe and Bernie Axford, of Punchbowl Club, who are to be married in November.

For any of you men interested in obtaining Western shirts: We found a place that has them. It is the Sydney Industrial Clothing Co., 656a George Street. Price 85/- each. Be sure and mention square dancing if you go into the store.

The Waggonwheelers won again. Team placings at the competition held at Paddington Town Hall on March 13 were: Waggonwheelers 1st; Starlighters second; Sundowners third. The Waggonwheelers have also had a two weeks engagement at the Hotel Australia. If you get any beginners at your next class wearing dress suits, you will know why, Tom!

Well, only nine more months to our monster New Year's Eve dance. Make your plans now to get into the hall early. We will have to close the doors after twenty-five squares are in.

Who is the fellow with the big smile at the Chatswood Club every Saturday. Why it's none other than that old married man Terry O'Flaherty. We visited the Whirlaways last week. They are a happy crew there, and it's the only dance in town where you get "dinner music" at supper.

You hear some strange square dance basic movements at the Greenwich Promenaders. Seems that everyone likes the old basics. The place really jumps with dips and dives, dives for the oyster, skits and skats, rip and snorts, and their own Greenwich Promenade.

The article entitled "Standardisation" was written by M-A-R-J HISLOP, not MARY. This article was a very good one and all square dancers should read it and think. It appeared last month.

What are They Dancing?

(By Graham Rigby, Queensland)

The great awakening of square dance interest throughout Australia, "nationally", is becoming more and more apparent with the continued improvement month by month of the "South Pacific Review" and by ever-increasing attendances at our National Conventions. We are now on the march forward together, each State keenly interested in what is happening within the movement in other parts of the country.

Periodically "Sets in Order", the great American National Square Dance Monthly, conducts a survey of which dances are being enjoyed at various clubs across the country. The callers of a number of clubs submit a typical dance programme presented recently, and a comparison of their programmes would, I feel, be a real step in the right direction in getting to know one another so

much better. We have, after all, so much to learn from each other!

The Sixth National Convention in Sydney would certainly provide the ideal opportunity to discuss the question of "What Are They Dancing?" throughout Australia, either at caller or general level. I feel it would be most enlightening and interesting to everyone. What do you think?

KIWI CORNER



There have been a number of activities in which Whirlaways have been engaged since we last appeared in print, namely the entry of a representative group into a stage show to feature square dances as a concert feature, our recent annual picnic, and annual general meeting. Firstly, a stage concert featuring The Caroline Rammers, Garner Wayne and his Saddlepals, Rex and Noeline Andersen with other local artists, advertised as a "Country Music Jamboree", required an act associated with Country and

the annual picnic. This was the first time the club had travelled in a single unit like this, and we were able to show a slight margin of profit on the actual hire that went toward other picnic expenses. Eric Wheaton exposed over 4 rolls of movie film, with other cameras slung around him like a tourist on holiday; and members are due for a pleasant interlude when these are screened in the near future. Items covered include, of course, members dancing on the club's portable platform used on official outings; the spectacular drama of a club lady rescued from a cliff overlooking the river; an impromptu act which achieves epic status, with the leading characters winning an ice cream instead of an Oscar, and the cameraman winning a race between himself and a persistent wasp. Altogether a very enjoyable day for most.



The end of February saw the annual meeting attended by 75 per cent of the club. Whirl-a-Ways emerged from this with a fresh approach to 1965, with a closer relationship between administration and activities, by electing their president and secretary and deciding to withhold any committee, all club business to be conducted in open meeting with all members invited to attend. We found administration was stifling the well-being of the club on the previous year's arrangements, and as any clear-thinking organisation has to realise, conditions as well as people change, newer members often bring in new ideas, and until they are tried it can be hazardous to close them out entirely. Anyway, we are confident 1965 will be a better year for the club and our brief appearances in this column from time to time will show this is so.

Western music to be used as a fill-in between acts. We selected a representative set from old and new club members and provided this for them. It was warmly received by the audience, and the sponsors of the show were really taken by the colourful appearance of the Whirl-a-Way Girls, all dressed in pastel dance dresses. This has led to a tentative booking of four more shows this coming year with our form of dancing featured, and we are confident this will be a major breakthrough in reaching the general folks with the new sound that surrounds square dancing today.

February saw the club reach to another ambitious height, when we successfully hired a bus to transport us to Ashley Gorge, 40 miles north-west, for

SOCIETY'S PINE RIVERS BARBECUE

For an attraction bound to go off "with a bang" make sure you don't miss the big "Pine Rivers Barbecue" on Sunday, May 23, organised by the ladies' Auxiliary of the Queensland Society. There'll be swimming, dancing, entertainment and fun for everyone at the beautiful "Pine Rivers Gardens", Petrie, just fifteen miles north of Brisbane.

Full marks go to Trixie Townsend, who first discovered this delightful spot and arranged for her club, the "B-Bar-L Hoe-downers", of Sandgate, to have

its fifth anniversary picnic there. Ladies of the auxiliary were so impressed that it was decided to organise a Society Barbecue in which all dancers and their friends could take part.

In addition to the other features, a bonfire will be lit on the river bank just after dark for fireworks unlimited. This is going to be too good to miss, so plan for it now.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

MONDAY

PUNCHBOWL—Ron Jones. Old R.S.L. Hall, Rossmore Avenue. UY 7118.

DUNDAS—(Allemanders). Harry Jackson. 1st and 3rd. Town Hall, Marsden Road. WL 1549.

RHODES—Roy Welch and Arthur Gates. 2nd and 3rd. Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. LY 9208.

NEWCASTLE—Brian Hotchkiss. Y.M.C.A. King Street. 2-1065.

TUESDAY

GREENWICH—(Promenaders). Tom McGrath. Community Centre, Greenwich Rd. 85-3821.

ROSE BAY—Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen. Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road. 305075.

SYDNEY. Y.M.C.A. Club, Pitt Street. Boys' Games Room, 1st Floor.. Arthur Gates.

WEDNESDAY

BELMORE—(Circle 8). Bev Pickworth. Scout Hall, Lark Street. UW 4166.

BELMONT NORTH—Milton Hall. Belmont Community Hall. Swansea 643.

MACQUARIE—Roundup Club. Hank Johannessen. Whitetridge Community Hall. Alternate Wednesdays. Phone Swansea 643.

NORTH RYDE—Tom McGrath. North Ryde School of Arts, Cox Road. 853821.

THURSDAY

RIVERWOOD—Bev Pickworth. Scout Hall, Bond's Road (rear of Total Service Station). UW 4166.

HORNSBY—(B). Masonic Hall, Pacific Highway. Tom McGrath. 85-3821.

FRIDAY

COLLAROY PLATEAU—Len Woodhead. Progress Hall, Hall Avenue. JF 1205.

ST. IVES—Roy Welch. Methodist Church Hall. LY 9208.

HAMILTON (Newcastle)—Hank Johannessen. Transport Hall. 57-2771.

SATURDAY

BELMORE*—Ron Jones. 3rd Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. UL 5330.

BELMORE—(Rambler). Ron Jones. 1st Sat. Scout Hall, Lark Street. UY 7118.

BELROSE—Vince Spillane. 2nd Saturday. Ralston Avenue. 94-4186.

PARRAMATTA—George Bishop. Alternate Saturdays. Y.W.C.A. Hall, Campbell Street. 635-9723.

CHATSWOOD—(Whirlaways). Wal Crichton and Terry O'Flaherty. Congregational Hall, Anderson Street. Every Saturday. XJ 5832.

DUNDAS—(Docey Doe). Harry Jackson. 4th Saturday. Town Hall. WL 1549.

GREENWICH*—Ron Jones. 1st Saturday. Community Centre, Greenwich Rd. XM2292.

KOTARA (Newcastle)—Alternate Saturdays. C. of E. Hall, Grinsell Street. Ring 57-4371 or 57-3910.



Victorian Jottings

SUNNYSIDE NEWS

Important nights coming up: Saturday, April 10, Easter Parade Novelty Night. Saturday, May 8, Mothers' Night. All mothers attending will receive a gift for Mother's Day.

A large and happy crowd gathered to celebrate our fifth birthday anniversary this month. The hall was gaily decorated with our famous square dance silhouettes, greenery and flowers. Each supper table received a birthday sponge decorated by Ella Whyte. Thanks to Myrtle and Charles Stone for their help.

At times the floor was so crowded it was quite easy to stray into another set. At 12.10 in the morning no one wanted to go home. Need one say more?

Well, well. Romance is in the air again. One of our most loyal dancers, Gus Gorman, has announced his engagement to Eileen Hillis. We wish this popular couple every happiness in their future life.

Just heard a whisper that regular Saturday night dancer Edna Jones is also wearing a diamond on her left hand. Our very best wishes to you, Edna. We hear that your future home is in Queensland.

BOX HILL NEWS

We are very happy with the progress of our new beginners, who have recently joined the club. It is very encouraging to see so many folk interested in the dancing. Also nice to see Eileen Condon dancing again.

(Unfortunately two of our staunchest supporters, Helen Boehm and Jim Johnson, cannot attend regularly, as they have to attend night school.

Calling Sherlock Holmes! There is a mystery surrounding Val King and the T-bone steak. Apparently the mystery has spread as far as Frankston, but not one can reveal any clues.

We have also discovered a method of keeping a rowdy square dancer quiet: infect him with tonsillitis. We appreciate his effort in still managing to come dancing. Wonder why John O'Hagan dislikes the singing call "Margie." Protests are heard when this number is danced. After his repeated request for the number earlier in the year, we would like to know if he is allergic to the name.

All members, please note:— For information regarding accommodation at the Convention please contact Ella Whyte, 95-1496.

HAPPY VALLEY

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CAMBERWELLS

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UY.7118.

Caller, Ron Jones

will be welcome popular member set—Helen returns from overseas trip this time we bid adieu to the old club and hop to dance at the new club in Middlesex. Hansford both whilst in England is another recently returned member whilst on a very much sought after prize at back for our

There is nothing more gratifying than the sight of new dancers suddenly getting right into the swing of the various movements. We give special thanks to Lance Lloyd, John Dunslow, Warwick Butcher and Paul Monteith, who were so helpful on this occasion.



CAULFIELD TENNIS CLUB

We are very happy to welcome to this club many new dancers, who have graduated from the beginner classes that Ron and Ella hold continuously in their home. We certainly look forward to many happy nights with our new friends in the future.

Now that the Convention is drawing near, do not delay with your transport and accommodation bookings. Train timetable follows:—

Thursday night, 10th, Friday night, 11th, same timetable. A choice of two trains.

"Spirit": Departs Spencer St. 6.45 p.m., arrives Sydney 8.40 a.m. First-class, return, £12/5/4d. Second class, £6/15/4 return.

"Aurora": Departs 8 p.m., arrives Sydney 9 a.m. return fare £12/18/4.

Friday Daylight: Departs 8.40 a.m., arrives 9.22 p.m. Second return, £6/15/4.

Air Travel: T.A.A.: Departs 6 p.m. on 11th, £18/7/0 return. Deadline for air travel bookings, 30th April, so don't delay; book early.

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The 1965 Queensland Society Car Rally turned out to be the most enjoyable, interesting and closely-contested event of its kind ever staged, with only one point separating the three place-getters. And the trophy was taken out by the smallest team ever — a one-man team — Greg Hutson, driver, navigator, everything—who won the Rally for Ashgrove without the loss of a single point. Behind Greg were Snow Itstein's team (Ashgrove) and The Leightons (Narangba) who shared second place, each losing one point.

Twenty-two cars moved off from the Windsor Council Chambers at three-minute intervals on the beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon of March 7, and proceeded on a forty-mile course which took them through many northside suburbs and country areas. All kinds of unusual questions were asked, such as: "How many inches long is the left foot of the statue outside the Brisbane Women's Hospital?" The Treasure Hunt side of the Rally included the finding of such items as the "leaves of seven different types of tree." All in all, it was great fun, and everyone found their way to the final checkpoint at Nudgee Beach.

Barbecue fires were lit and, after a hearty meal, there was dancing and a presentation of trophies in the hall nearby. Everyone who attended voted the day "tops". Twelve months from now it will be on again, but whatever 1966 brings, Greg's record is an unbeatable one!

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QUEENSLAND

THURSDAY

HOLLAND PARK.—"Marshall Stars". Marshall Road State School, Weekly. (Junior). Graham Rigby.

WYNNUM.—Buffalo Hall. Weekly (Open). Kay Bienke. (96-4313).

FRIDAY

ASHGROVE.—"S-Bar-B". St. Barnabas' Hall (Tram Stop 12). Weekly. (Open). Graham Rigby.

Sandgate.—"B-Bar-L Hoedowners". British Ladies' Hall. Fortnightly. (Open). Peter Johnson.

WYNNUM.—Lutheran Church Hall. Monthly. (Open). Rodney McLachlan. (96-3302).

SATURDAY

COOPER'S PLAINS— "Ace Square Dancers". Memorial Hall, Rookwood Avenue. Monthly. (Open). Graham Rigby.

COORPAROO.— "Waggon Wheelers". Scout Hall, Cavendish Road. Monthly. Experienced). Graham Rigby.

GREENSLOPES (SCOUTS).— Scout Hall. Weekly. (Open). Peter Johnson.

GREENSLOPES (RED CROSS).— Red Cross Recreation Hall. Fortnightly. (Open). Johnny Wilkinson.

IPSWICH.—National Theatre. Railway Avenue, Booval. Monthly. (Closed Membership). Graham Rigby.

NARANGBA.— Memorial Hall. Monthly. Open. Sid Leighton.

VICTORIA

TUESDAY

CAMBERWELL—Les Schroder. Football Pavilion, Camberwell Road. 69-4921

TUESDAY

BOX HILL—Ron Mennie. Scout Hill, Elgar Road. 93-4834.

WEDNESDAY

CAULFIELD—Ron Whyte. Fortnightly. Tennis Club, Balaclava Road. XL1496.

THURSDAY

CAULFIELD—Round Dance. Edna Batchelor. Tennis Club, Balaclava Road. 50 1470.

BEGINNERS' CLASSES. — Les Schroder, Camberwell Football Pavilion, Camberwell Road. N.B.: Intending dancers MUST ring 694921.

SATURDAY

CAULFIELD.— (Sunnyside). Ron Whyte. Bowling Club, Queen's Avenue, 95-1496.

WILLISON—(Happy Valley). Les Schroder. Scout Hall, Fordham Avenue. MX 4921.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MONDAY NIGHT

Druid's Hall, Walkerville. Happy Medium. Weekly. Brian Townsend.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Commencing April 6. Thebarton Assembly Hall. Club night. 1st Tuesday in every month. Colin Huddleston.

Learners. Commencing night, May 11. Then fortnightly. Colin Huddleston.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Opening April 9. Happy Medium. Camden Hall. Fortnightly. Colin Huddleston.

Commencing April 30. Clovelly Park. Fortnightly. Colin Huddleston.

SATURDAY NIGHT

April 10. Methodist Hall. Colonel Light Gardens. Fortnightly. Roger Weaver.

Commencing April 24. Methodist Hall, Dunleath. Fortnightly. Colin Huddleston.

May 1. Methodist Hall, Hayward Street, Thebarton. Fortnightly. Colin Huddleston.

NEW ZEALAND

DUNEDIN. Waggon Wheel Club. — Jim Donaldson. St. Clair Gymnasium. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays. 4th Saturday. Ring 38039.



GUESSING COMPETITION

(A Roundup of Queensland News)

The Square Dance Society of N.S.W. guessing competition was drawn on Wednesday, March 10.

First prize was won by Gwen Napier, ticket No. 7683.
Second prize was won by Nev. Shute, ticket No. 3378
Third prize was won by M. Tobin, with ticket No. 8112

The winning tickets were drawn by an American square dance visitor to Sydney — Freda Martin, of the Armed Services Y.M.C.A. Square Dance Club, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Freda wishes to extend an invitation to all Australian square dancers to attend the Aloha State Square Dance Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, on October 8, 9, 10, 1965. For information, write Jim Goetting, 91-255 Fort Weaver Road, Ewa Beach, Hawaii. 96706.

Congratulations to the winners, and many, many thanks to all the people who bought tickets and sold tickets. The Society raised £120 toward the Convention fund through this guessing competition.

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Alan Blackwell Memorial Dance

The Alan Blackwell Memorial Night, as advertised, was the best night of the year. The North Sydney Anzac Memorial Hall was filled with happy Sydney square dancers for this annual dance. There were some new faces this year, and some of the old faces were missing, which proves that old square dancers never die — they just fade away. Perhaps in the years to come this dance will be attended by callers and dancers who never knew Alan Blackwell, but that fact will never take a thing away from the purpose of why this annual dance is run by the Society each year, which is first and foremost to honour a caller who did a lot for square dancing, and to raise a special fund, to be held by the society, to come to the aid of any square dancer who might need immediate financial assistance because of some unfortunate circumstances that can happen to anyone at any time. Once again the society is indebted to Ron Jones for furnishing the equipment and running the night, and to all the callers and people who helped out. Thank you all. We will see you all again in 1966.

NEW CO-ORDINATING EDITOR

Commencing next issue, the Co-ordinating Editor for the South Pacific Square Dance Review will be Owen Edmonds, 29 Waratah Street, Balgowlah, 94-2694. Jim White remains Public Relations Officer for out-of-State correspondence, but all news items are to go to Owen. Please note: N.S.W. news MUST NOT go to Owen, but to the State Editor, Tom McGrath, 4 Batten Avenue, West Ryde. DEADLINE remains at being at the address of the Co-ordinating Editor on the third Wednesday before the first Saturday of the month. Deadline for State news is with the State Editor three days before the above date.

COUNTRY CLUB SQUARE DANCE

The Square Dance held at the Lane Cove Country Club on March 26 was an outstanding success with over nine squares in attendance. Tom Chambers (a club member, incidentally) was the caller.

Ron Jones brought along a demonstration square which is still being talked about in the club. They put on two demonstrations. At the end of the night Jim White asked members if they would like to have further evenings. All voted for another square dance to be held next month. Looks like a new club coming up in Lane Cove.

PRE-CONVENTION DANCE

Greenwich Promenaders

GREENWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE

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(Proceeds to Convention Fund)

Tuesday, April 27, 1965

BASKET SUPPER



SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF N.S.W. Annual Meeting



The annual meeting of the Square Dance Society of N.S.W. was held at the Y.M.C.A., Pitt Street, Sydney, on March 28. A record attendance of over 100 attended what turned out to be a most lively meeting.

The annual report was read and confirmed. Following this the retiring secretary of the Society, Miss Felicity Raymond, advised that she was not seeking re-election, at the same time expressing thanks to all those who had assisted her over the previous two years. A vote of thanks was conveyed to Miss Raymond for the work carried out during her term of office.

Positions were declared vacant and Mr. Tom McGrath took the chair for election of officers. Considerable discussion took place concerning the eligibility of the then president of the Society, Laurie Spalding, to stand for re-election in the light of the Constitution ruling that a president may not stand for more than two terms unless re-voted in by a 3/4 majority. The meeting passed a motion that, in view of the fact that Laurie Spalding had only served one and three-quarter years as president, this did not constitute two full terms, and that therefore he was eligible for simple majority election. The following officers were elected:—

- Patron: The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman H. F. Jensen.
- President: Laurie Spalding
- Secretary: Charmaine Caldecoat
- Treasurer: Bevan Pickworth
- Vice-President: Terry O'Flaherty (Senr. V.P.), Wallace Crichton, John Northcote, and Cyril Coxhell
- Country Vice-President: Milton Hall
- Publication Manager: Tom McGrath
- Publicity Manager: Bob Sanders
- Public Relations: Jim White
- Hon. Auditor: Bob Trist

Lively debate took place on certain aspects of the Convention. It was passed that the demonstration square dancing at the Convention take the place of a simple competition to be judged by interstate callers. The Society would donate the prizes, consisting of sashes. It was pointed out during this debate that, despite comments against competitions at the last Convention by several interstate people, considerable interest had been aroused and there had been several requests from interstate since then for a competition to be held (amongst N.S.W. dancers only) so that interstate dancers could see how it was done and judge whether it would interfere with their own club activities.

The venue for the main Square Dance Ball was queried. It was explained by the Convention Secretary that the Square Dance Society at a previous meeting had expressed the wish that this main function should be held in Sydney. The sub-committee had spent considerable time looking at suitable halls and had found that the only hall in the proximity of the city which could be considered reasonable was Monash at Rose Bay. It was not possible to secure a hall which met all requirements. It was moved and passed that the sub-committee be authorised to look further afield in an endeavour to obtain a more suitable venue.

The Co-ordinating Editor of the magazine, Jim White, advised that in recent months he had found it increasingly difficult to get the magazine out on time and had asked for help. Owen Edmonds had offered to take over the magazine and would be taking it over within the next few weeks. However, it was felt that the magazine had reached such proportions that it required a committee to assist and an appeal was made for anyone interested or prepared to help to contact the new Co-ordinating Editor.

A motion that in future Society meetings be held in the afternoon was lost. The meeting closed at 11.30 p.m.!

APPEAL FOR COMMITTEE

An appeal is made for anyone who is interested in assisting in the magazine to contact Owen Edmonds at the above address. It is preferable that people assisting should live on the north side of the Harbour.

CALLERS, NOTE!

Would all callers who are calling at the Convention please contact Tom McGrath, 85-3821, 4 Batten Avenue, West Ryde, N.S.W.?

CONVENTION BOOKINGS

AT 20/3/65

SUNNYSIDERS (Melbourne)	80
SQUARE DANCING SOC. OF Q'LD.	50
WHEELING 8's (Brisbane)	34
LES SCHRODER (Melbourne)	24
WALLY COOK GROUP (Melbourne)	18
BELMONT CLUB (Necastle)	8
LAUNCESTON CLUB (Tasmania)	4

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Square Your Sets

(A Roundup of Queensland News)

EASTER RAFFLE

After just two weeks, over half of the two and a half thousand tickets have been sold for the Society raffle, prize in which is a giant Easter Egg valued at £10/10/0. Enthusiasm among members has been tremendous and the "Easter Bunny" will appear this month on television and also at the Brisbane Children's Hospital, with gifts of Easter Eggs for young patients.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Sandgate's "B-Bar-L Hoedowners" celebrated their fifth anniversary with a delightful Barbecue Picnic at Pine River Gardens on Sunday, March 21. This beautiful setting provided swimming, relaxation and dancing for all who attended. Interstate visitors Neil Denning (Sydney) and his friend Bernie (Casino) were given a warm welcome when they danced at Sandgate recently.

"EASTER PARADE"

Ashgrove's "Easter Parade" on Thursday, April 15, will be a major square dance attraction for a number of reasons. Firstly, the State Amateur Callers' Contest will be staged for ladies and gents, in both senior and junior sections. Secondly, there's the annual "Mad Hatters' Parade", whilst, at 9 p.m., the draw for the raffle will be made by the "Easter Bunny." Should be quite a night!

GREENSLOPES "TWO"

This month will see the second anniversary of the popular "Teen Twirlers", who continue to "pack them in" at Greenslopes Scout Hall to the calling of Peter Johnson, every Saturday night. Th's club assisted the ladies' auxiliary last month in the selling of forty-one books of raffle tickets one Saturday morning. Peter's wife, Eve'yn, is a most popular guest caller, particularly with her "Blacksmith Blues." Nice go'ng, Ev!

LADY CALLER

For the first time in the past ten years a lady caller stepped to the microphone to open her new club at the Buffalo Hall, Wynnum, on Thursday, March 18. She was Kay Bienenke, winner of last year's Amateur Callers' Contest for Ladies, who presented a happy and entertaining evening for the new dancers, using her brand-new public address system. This club will meet weekly on Thursdays and we wish Kay loads of success!



NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER

After a fine record of three years service as Society treasurer, Arthur Steel reluctantly tendered his resignation last month. Arthur's office has been taken by secretary Bill Pearce, who now holds the dual position of secretary-treasurer of the Society. Our sincere thanks, Arthur, for your efforts, and congratulations, Bill, on your new appointment.

WYNNUM LUTHERAN GROUP

The tremendous rise of square dance popularity among Lutheran Church groups in Southern Queensland over recent months has been most noticeable. And the latest area to open was Wynnum, last month, to the calling of Rodney McLachlan, when five sets "sashayed" for the first time in fine style. This group will meet monthly, on Fridays.

RED CROSS, GREENSLOPES

Johnny Wilkinson's Saturday Night Club continues to meet fortnightly at Red Cross Recreation Centre, Greenslopes, with new members always coming along. But, after a visit to the dentist recently, Johnny was "down in the mouth" in more ways than one, and arranged for Bruce Davies, of Cooper's Plains, to call one of his evenings. Well done, Bruce!

ORGANISER "BACK ON DECK"

Organiser/treasurer of the "Marshall Stars", Mr. Bob Knowles, who has done so much for the junior dancers of his area, was hospitalised recently and underwent a successful operation. Bob was visited by members of the committee during his stay and was welcomed back to the club on March 18. "Marshall Stars" appear on television this month with the "Easter Bunny."

TEN PIN BOWLING

At the time of going to press, Ashgrove dancers and friends are looking forward to the Ten Pin Bowling Evening at Brisbane's Exhibition Bowl on Tuesday, April 6. Over the past two years there have been many excursions to this centre, and new club members are anxious to try their skill. It could become a monthly attraction!

Newcastle News



The Y.M.C.A. Square Dance Club recently held a very successful picnic at Fingal Bay (Port Stephens). Dancing, swimming, eating, hiking and trying to re-shape Brian's buckled records made this picnic very enjoyable. A note to callers: Don't leave your records in the sun.

Ron Christie has joined up for six years in the R.A.A.F. Hearty congratulations! Everyone knows how Ron has been looking forward to this for years. We're going to miss you at the dance, Ron.

We'd like to welcome back Muriel Christie (Ron's mother) after having spent January in hospital. Sure hope she can get back into the "swing" of things before the Convention.

Our thanks must go to Michael Cummings for trying to make it to a demonstration the other night. You just looked as though you might make it when that policeman stopped and booked you for going how fast in a built-up area on two wheels with your lights on high beam? Better luck next time, Mick. Try applying for a police escort.

The Y.M.C.A. Club made "a day of it" again on March 13. Swimming at Merewether Beach, barbecue tea at George and Dulcie Flemming's and dancing at the new learners' club being organised by Esmee Edman, in Ridge St., Merewether. No doubt about those Flemmings. Their house isn't big, their house isn't glamorous—but Boy, is it friendly!

It was brought to notice at the last meeting of the Newcastle S.D. Club that a great number of dancers go home be-

fore the last bracket. What do you think happens now? After the dancing is finished and Henk has the equipment packed in the car, they're still standing around, talking, in bunches of eight. You just can't make them leave the hall.

The "Hunter District Square Dance Committee" is now being formed, thanks mainly to the efforts of Henk. It consists of the three callers, Henk, Brian and Milton, and two representatives from each of the five Newcastle square dance clubs. The aim is to further the cause of square dancing and to arrange dances, picnics, and week-end get-togethers for Newcastle Club.

The youngest square dancer around these parts is Rosemary Megan Vivian, born 3rd March (the darling little thing!). Congratulations, Ivor and Caroline. Mother and daughter seem to be doing fine, but poor Ivor is just about rushed off his feet. The baby wasn't enough; they just had to buy a new car the same week.

"The Squares" of Kotara held their annual meeting on March 3 and elected Len Bailey president (phone 57-4371) and Norm Fitzsimmons as secretary-treasurer.

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