

# SOUTH PACIFIC SQUARE DANCE REVIEW

A  
ROUND-UP  
OF  
COUNTRY-  
WESTERN  
DANCING

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- ★ The Square Dance Society of N.S.W.
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- ... and Clubs in
- ★ New Zealand, Papua and the Fiji Islands

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## Seventh National Square Dance Convention

Everything is in readiness to stage what we hope will be a most successful Convention.



This Convention will differ in some ways to others previously held, in that Colin Huddleston, the convenor, has deliberately not over-organised it and has given more leisure time for the dancers from interstate to have a good look around Adelaide instead of it being all hustle and bustle.

Programmes are now being printed and will be handed to square dancers at the Palais on the Saturday night.

Principal callers on the Saturday night will be Colin Huddleston and Brian Townsend, assisted by Allan Frost, Roger Weaver, plus guest callers from interstate.

On Saturday night at the Palais Royal, North Terrace, the State's top callers will be to the fore. Channel 9's Country and Western Hour Band will supply the music, but callers wishing to use canned music may do so.

On the Sunday morning a callers' conference will be held for callers only. The purpose of this meeting will be for all callers to have an opportunity to meet and to get each other's views and ideas on whether calling in its present form is what the square dancer really wants.

The discussions on the Sunday afternoon will be limited

and will come under these headings:—

- 1: "Standardisation" and
2. "Should Conventions be held yearly."

Queensland representative will confirm that the Eighth National Square Dance Convention will be held in Brisbane during 1967. General business, etc., etc.

Bill Rolph and Laurie Spalding will be acting as chairman and secretary both at the callers' meeting and the Sunday afternoon Convention meeting. All details will be printed in your souvenir programme.

All dressed sets promenad-

ing at the Palais must be inside the Palais not later than 8 p.m. as the Convention will be officially declared open just after that time, followed by a parade of dressed sets.

I wish one and all a safe journey over, and may you all have a most enjoyable time.

—Colin Huddleston.

P.S.—Would persons booked in caravans please supply their own blankets, pillows and cutlery? Everything else is supplied.

Visitors welcome to  
WALKERVILLE SQUARE DANCE CLUB  
**P I C N I C**

Monday, June 13th, 10.30 a.m.

at

**LOFTIA PARK in ADELAIDE HILLS**

Cool drinks, Chops, Sausages, Hot water available  
Anyone requiring transport, contact Brian Townsend

**Party Night Dance**  
HAPPY MEDIUM

Monday, June 13th, 9.00 p.m.

Druids Hall. Bus Stop 12. Mn. Nth. East Rd.  
WALKERVILLE

Live Band ...Admission Free ...Caller, Brian Townsend

Colin Huddleston's  
**Farewell Bar B Que Square Dance**

to be held in the

**CAMDEN HALL (Carlisle Street)**

on

**Monday Night, June 13**

**from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.**

Guest callers will include Ron White (Victoria), Eric Wendell (Queensland), Ron Jones (N.S.W.)

and a cordial invitation is extended to any other Callers and interstate Dancers

Let's make this a Farewell Night to remember  
Let's see how interstate dancers dance to their own Callers with no holds barred

Chops, Sausages and Light Refreshments  
Live or Canned Music

Your Host and Hostess,

**COLIN and SOPHIE HUDDLESTON**

Admission: 60c

# Letters To The Editor

Sir,  
Being a square dancer of a little more than eight months, I was pleased to be asked to the yearly gathering at the town of Bundanoon. Both my wife and I were very pleased with the invitation, and decided we would go. What to expect, being away with a crowd of 160 square dancers, we were not too sure.

We were booked in at a guest house with about sixty others, and I can assure you the accommodation and meals were first class. The organisation of such a big event was run in tradesmanlike fashion, due to the co-operation of the Bundanoon Squares and the Square Dance Society of New South Wales.

A very friendly dance was held at the Bellevue Park Guest House on Friday night. The Saturday dance was quite a sight, with twenty or so squares dancing to the calling of our best callers in Roy Welch, Ron Jones, Bev Pickworth, Frank O'Mara, just to mention a few, and an excellent supper was put on by the Bundanoon square dancers. The standard of the actual competition dancing was excellent, making it a delight to watch. Full marks thus go to the respective tutors.

To sum up the whole affair—a most enjoyable weekend, and let's hope there are many more.

Roy Etherington,  
Bexley North.

Sir,  
On reading the front-page article "Churn the Butter," in the April issue of the "Square

Dance Review", I feel goaded to write about this and other articles on the same subject which have appeared in previous issues of the magazine.

Admitting that there could be something in the saying that "A good shake-up never did anyone any harm", it seems to me that the blame for our problems is being kicked about like a football—blame the dancers this month, blame the callers next month, blame someone else the next month, and so on.

I believe that, deep down, we all know our own shortcomings, if any, without being told or reminded, and all the finger-wagging in the world will do no good whatsoever. I find the comparison figures most interesting, and, whenever available, would like to see mention made of.

George Bishop.

## Bundanoon: From a New Square Dancer

Congratulations to the "Hayriders" for their brilliant wins in the bronze, silver and gold sections at Bundanoon. Not for one minute did I think that at my very first visit to Bundanoon to see the competition I was going to see one team win all three sections—

**N.S.W.  
ANNUAL BALL  
30th July  
Paddington  
Town Hall**

## An Amateur Callers' Contest

will be held in conjunction with the Allen Blackwell Memorial Night in 1967

This contest will be for both men and ladies. It is hoped that each local Club will put up at least one amateur caller each

## Beginners' CLASS Adults'

will commence

**THURSDAY, 26th MAY, 8 P.M.**

in the

**Kuringai Ballroom**

368-370 Pacific Highway, Lindfield (opp. Station)

Admission: 50c Caller: Terry O'Flaherty

Enquiries: 94-8554

Sponsored by the Square Dance Society of N.S.W.

a really remarkable effort, and very pleasing to the onlooker.

I regret to say that not all of what I saw at Bundanoon was pleasing. In at least three heats I was shocked to see teams walking around instead of swinging properly. I don't know whether this is right, but at least I don't think it is. In one particular heat there was only one team behind the caller; all the others were doing the grand sashay while the caller was still calling the allemande left. This team's timing was as good as any of the others on the floor, and they swung properly and yet they never got into the final, even though they had a two out of four chance. Was it coincidence that the two teams who made the final had the girls in the new 'ballroom' type dresses and the male members dressed up more than usual? Why should the judges look only at the teams

who are dressed to catch the eye and seem as if not to notice the other teams who were less bright in dress? After all, they are judging the dancing, and not the dress.

This brings me to another point: by having two set dances for the competition which are learnt off by heart for two months beforehand does not show which team is the best square dancing team, but it shows which team can present the movements the best way.

Why not pay the fare for a few callers from other States to come up and judge the competition? This, then would be fair all-round. Also, why not get a caller like Ron Jones to make up a couple of hoedowns for the competition, of which teams will only know that the movements will come from a certain list of dances?

John King,  
Square Dancer.

## QUEENSLAND CALLERS' DINNER

Queensland square dance history was made on Tuesday, April 19, when, for the first time ever, all callers gathered together to confer on the 1967 National Convention in Brisbane, and on topics for the good of square dancing generally. The evening took the form of a Callers' Dinner and was voted by all who attended most interesting, informative and constructive.

The callers present included Bernie Kennedy, Eric Wendell, Sid Leighton, Rodeny McLachlan, Jack Mitchell, Peter Johnson, Johnny Wilkinson, and Graham Rigby. Important subjects such as (1) Total participation in the "South Pacific Review," (2) Convention fundraising and planning, and (3) Combined support for Queensland's special activities were discussed in detail.

As a result of this dinner, it is confidently expected that the square dance movement in Queensland will make rapid strides forward under a united common singularity of purpose.

"Unity is strength," and all callers agree that only a totally combined effort will bring about the success we're looking for next Easter.

It's taken thirteen years, but it's finally happened and Queensland callers and dancers alike are highly delighted. To coin a phrase, "Better look out, World, here we come!"

## KIWI CORNER

Hullo! from the Waggon Wheel Club in Dunedin! By the time these notes are in print four of our members will be saying "Hullo" personally to some of the Australian members.

Rae and Frank McKenzie and Ken and Eva Kennedy will be "hopping" the Tasman for a tour which will take in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, the main attraction, of course, being the Convention. We are sure the Convention will really be worthwhile and we are sorry that more members won't be making the trip.

Easter week-end was very successful, with a camp at Timaru. Again we were favoured with a visit by Art and Blanche Shepherd, together with Bill and Kris Litchmann. Art and Bill gave us the pleasure of hearing them call for us again.

To Jim Donaldson goes our thanks for giving us a good programme for the two evenings' dancing. The ladies all turned out in new blue dresses and really looked lovely, so that "Alice Blue Gown" fitted the occasion as a theme.

This is the second Easter camp and it looks like becoming an annual event.

We are looking forward to the first Christchurch Convention to be held in Christchurch on our Labour Week-end, 21st, 22nd and 23rd October, when we will meet Art's new group for a week-end of dancing.



**President's Report**

Sydney dancers visited Bundanoon for competitions and square dancing on Saturday, April 30. The co-operation of Kath and Dick Jay and the Bundanoon Squares, Sydney dancers and callers and Society officials past and present made the week-end one of the best yet.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, John Armstrong, has honoured the Society with his patronage.

The Society auditor for 1966-67 will be Eric Bradley, a very keen dancer with the Miranda Club.

Jack Looby has requested co-operation of all Sydney square dancers, callers, and the Society in organising a welcome dance for Bob and Betty Osgood and a party of American square dancers who may visit Sydney in 1967 or 1968.

Ross Wilkinson, proprietor of the Kurin-gai School of Dancing has co-operated with the Society and enabled square dancing to be presented at Lindfield each Thursday from May 26.

Should the City of Sydney committee permit the Society to enter a float in the Waratah procession this year, Marj Hislop will donate 5 dollars for competition to obtain the best float design. Details later.

Thank you, Colin Huddleston and Brian Townsend for assistance given Sydney dancers in organizing accommodation for the 7th National Convention in Adelaide.

During my leave Ron Jones will assume the responsibility of president of the Square Dance Society of N.S.W. Would dancers and callers please give him the co-operation and support that I have received?

**A date to remember:** The annual ball, Saturday, July 30, at Paddington Town Hall.

Yours squarely,  
Bill Rolph,  
President.

**THE SUNSHINE STATE ROUND-UP**

(by Graham Rigby)

Queensland's square dance Ball of the Year, the eighth annual Sunshine State Round-up, will be staged at Brisbane's Kedron Memorial Hall on Saturday, July 9, and dancers from near and far are urged not to miss this big event.

Featured callers on the programme will include Johnny Wilkinson, Jack Mitchell, Peter Johnson, Sid Leighton, Bernie Kennedy, Eric Wendell, Rodney McLachlan and myself—for the first time, ALL of the square dance calling talent in Queensland!

All of the State's dressed sets will be presented on stage whilst their respective callers are at the microphone, making a most colourful stage setting. Dancing will be almost continuous from 7.30 to 11.30 p.m.. Admission charges will be fifty cents for adult dancers, and twenty-five cents for junior dancers and non-dancing adults. Non-dancing children will be admitted free of charge.

The total profit from this Round-up will go directly to the 1967 Convention funds.

Our aim is to have every Queensland club at Kedron on this occasion. With the finest callers and the most colourful and attractive dancers, we have the ideal combination for this "big night out." Don't miss it! Be in the fun, the action and the excitement!

Note these important details—

**The 1966 Sunshine State Round-up; date, Saturday, July 9; location, Kedron Memorial Hall; Times, 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. See you there!**

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**TERRY O'FLAHERTY**  
\$10 dollars per night  
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**The Square Dance Society of N.S.W.**

**Annual Ball**

will be held at

**PADDINGTON TOWN HALL**

**Saturday, 30th July**

Dancing to commence at 7.30 p.m.

*Put your table reservations in early*

**MIRANDA CLUB**

**1st BIRTHDAY PARTY NITE**

**8 p.m., Thursday, 7th July, 1966**

Miranda Pre-School Kindergarten, Hall  
in Park, opposite Railway Station

Caller: Arthur Gates

Basket Supper

Guest Callers Welcome — 57-7404

**Notice for N.S.W. Dancers**

Reservations for tables by Clubs for ticket holders at the Annual Ball must be made through the Society secretary by 9th July, 1966

**There will be a Club Representative Society Executive Meeting**  
**120 NORTHAM Ave., BANKSTOWN**  
**at 7 p.m., Sunday, 10th July, 1966**

**The Square Dance Society of N.S.W.**

Will Sponsor

**A TRAINEE CALLERS' CLASS**

As soon as there are sufficient applicants Applicants must apply by letter through the Society secretary. They must be recommended by an active Caller and should be only those people who are willing to call for Clubs and promote and run beginner classes. Course will be 12 Saturday afternoons and fee will be \$6.00 payable in advance

**BEGINNERS' CLASSES**

have commenced on Fridays

**At the Melrose Hall**

GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY, EMU PLAINS

Send your friends

Caller: Bill Sweetman

# Square Whirl

ROUND-UP OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
NEWS AND VIEWS

## DUNDAS PROMENADERS

Another month behind us. Flu' has been our No. 1 bug this month, but things are returning to normal now.

Birthdays this month: Teddy Thomas.

Among our many visitors, Brenda Joyce, Berdina Inglis, Ken Joyce of the Miranda Club, and Russell Welham, Gordon Hearne from the Newcastle Club. Come back again, you nice people.

One engagement has been announced, Ruth and Ivan. Couldn't happen to a nicer couple. Tom is very fond of Ruth and the chocolate cakes she brings along. Yes, Ivan is going to get a wonderful mother-in-law. Those cakes 'm 'm 'm'.

Reg startled us all by showing at 8 pm for a full night. He brought along a pretty friend named Judy and only asked for pussycat once during the night. Noelene has sold just about all the ball tickets. We will be well represented at the ball.

## Special Note to the Hayriders

Congratulations to you on taking out the hat trick at Bundanoon. It was a wonderful effort to rise to the top in the one night. Once again, congratulations.

## —THE STARLIGHTERS

### MIRANDA CLUB

Miranda Club continues to give great pleasure to its members. Our new beginners are being hustled along and we are all enjoying it immensely. It seems apparent that the greatest benefits come from spreading square dancing.

Don't forget Miranda party night, July 7. If you dance just for the fun, this is it.

Thinking of buying lottery tickets? We have a man who wins the door prize every night. You should get together—not mentioning any names. Ron.

### BELMORE CIRCLE 8

During the month we were very happy to receive a visit from the Rhodes Club. We had been looking forward to their visit for some time to renew friendships and also to get to know some of our fellow dancers we do not see very often. Circle 8 hopes to pay a return visit at an early date.

The Club was well represented at the Bundanoon week end when two squares journeyed south to join in the fun. Those who braved the cold voted the week end a great success.

Another outing enjoyed by many of our members is the monthly dance held by the Docey Doe Club at Dundas, and it is usual to see quite a number of Circle 8 bolo ties in their round-ups. This friendly club turns on a great night and with Ben Pickworth calling, you always feel at home.

### ROSE BAY BLUE PACIFIC

The car trial on Sunday, May 15th, was a great success. The weather was perfect, the course was an enjoyable ride when you had time to look at something else besides house numbers, stumps, palm trees, wrecks, and so on. Over 75 people showed up. A nice sum of money was raised toward a new car for the Prince Henry Psychiatric Hospital.

First place went to Greg Gow, second to Marge and Bill Hislop and third to Russ and Judy Eastment, and last place, Gloria and Jim Allan. Jack Looby won the rolling car contest and Billy Fuller the tennis serve test. The Wakehurst Park picnic grounds was a very nice choice for a stopping place. And for the use of the grounds we thank the Dark family. And special thanks to Noelene and George Gow for all their good work in arranging the car trial.

### COLLAROV PLATEAU

Despite the fact that many of their regular dancers were attending the Bundanoon weekend, the Colorado Platter's Club had a very happy evening's dancing on 29th April when two American dancers visited. Peg and Jack Radford, from Long Beach, California, were on literally a flying visit to Sydney (here only three days), and members were very pleased to have their company for the evening. Numbers were even enough to give one couple a break between brackets and between dances members were interested in talking to our visitors about their travels and square dancing in California.

And on entering the hall on Friday, the thirteenth, under an open step ladder (which many tried to avoid) throwing salt over your left shoulder, being confronted with a cracked mirror, you knew it was Collarov's Super-Ti-Tious night.

The hall was attractively decorated—balloons, open umbrellas, ghosts, witches and altogether the party was a great success. It was pleasing to welcome Bill and Dorrie Rolph who made the long journey from Hurstville,

## GREENWICH PROMENADERS

Our costume party was a real ball. Swagmen, flappers, fames, sailos, doctos, night shirts, and so on. First prize in the ladies' section went to flapper, Heather Colley, while Glad Moore and Betty Tuckwell won consolation prizes. First prize in the men's section went to doctor Geoff Gow while (Big Julie) Dave McLellan and Dick Farmer won consolation prizes.

Society president, Bill Rolph, and wife Dot, walked off with both the lucky door prize and the raffle.

Several Greenwich dancers are going to the Convention and are looking forward to Adelaide on the Queen's Birthday weekend. Also, several Greenwich Promenaders visited the Allemanders this month while others went to Bundanoon.

We received a letter from Charles Arnman who is dancing with the Wheeling Eights up in Brisbane and says he is having a good time and will be back in a couple of months.

## BLUE TRIANGLE CLUB

Recently, Club and Society member, Mary Barker, celebrated her twenty-first birthday by holding a party given by Mary's mother on our club night dance. It was a real feast in many ways because Mary's friends were able to witness square dancing as well as enjoying other types of dancing between brackets.

Club and Society members, Ethel Vine and Lillian Henning, will be visiting Western Australia later in the year. It would be nice if they can contact somebody over there (square dancers). We hope they can get to the Convention, too.

## DUNDAS ALLEMANDERS

The Allemanders had a party night at Carlingford on 30th April. Six squares of dancers had a very full night of dancing. We were happy to have with us Rene and Jack Radcliffe from California. This pleasant couple had been jetted here from the U.S.A. for just four days. Both regretted that they could not stay long enough to do the rounds of the dance clubs.

Jack was tickled pink when he won the door prize. He has asked us to thank the Sydney square dancers for a very happy stay. "A wonderful country," he said, "even though you do drive on the wrong side of the street."

One of our trusty members, Edgar, was on hand to drive our visitors to and from "The Australia."

We have a new caller, now. Harry has decided to have a spell from calling and the club has appointed John Blackwood.

## This and that . . .

Newly engaged couples: Elaine Aimsworth and Tim Foster of the Sundowners team; Ruth Whitford and Ian Graham of the Dundas Promenaders Club.

Congratulations to these two couples from all of us and we wish you all the best.

## WAGON WHEEL CLUB — PUNCHBOWL

The most obvious thing to mention would be the Bundanoon competition at which our teams performed so well. The standard of dancing was so good that only a few points separated the finalists in the various sections.

The official placings for the competition were as follow:

**Gold Section:** 1 Hayriders, 2 Starfighters, 3 Wagon Wheels.

**Silver Section:** 1 Hayriders, 2 Wagonettes, 3 Ramblers.

**Bronze Section:** 1 Hayriders

2 Ramblers, 3 Wagonettes. The Ramblers took second place in the Bronze Section and also third place in the Silver Section with the Wagonettes in their very fine new outfits taking third in the Bronze and second in the Silver.

We must mention here about these new outfits the Wagonettes wore. The girls dressed basically in pink really looked good, and the boys with their shirts to match looked equally good. These shirts were designed and machined by Merv. Sharpe.

The surprise of the year came from the Hayriders also in new outfits. They took first place in all three sections, thereby setting a record as far as this type of competition is concerned. The most striking thing about the Hayriders' outfit was the shirt arrangement of the boys. Suffice to say that we know where we can get four good-looking waiters any time we need them.

A good deal of the credit must go to Francis and Ron Jones, Ron for all of his good work in training the teams, and Francis for the sewing and outfitting of many of the team dresses. From all the teams, thanks, Ron and Francis.



# SQUARE YOUR SETS



# Newcastle News

(A Roundup of Queensland News)

With the open sections of the State Amateur Callers Contest decided in April, the junior girls section was completed last month with top honours going to fourteen-year-old Jill Bruhn of "Marshall Stars," Rosalind Stevens, representing "Western Stars," was runner-up in the televised final, and this month the junior boys section will be featured. Judges are Sid Leighton and Bette Pearce.

### IPSWICH PROGRESS

The West Moreton dancers of Ipswich continue to meet on Saturdays at the North Ipswich scout hall with a membership of about fifty enthusiasts. Now in their fourth year, this club enjoys a happy medium level of dancing and is, perhaps, the only Queensland group where there is a considerable surplus of men. Quite a change and very acceptable as far as the ladies are concerned.

### PRE-CONVENTION SPECIAL

At the time of going to press, a Pre-Convention special party is being organised for Ashgrove on Friday, May 17.

The Skylarks and Sunshine Stars will appear dressed as for the parade in Adelaide. Popular dances from previous Conventions will be programmed and special films will be shown of the 1962 National in Brisbane.

### SPRINGLANDS SPECIAL

Friday, April 14, proved to be an extra special night at Springlands Barn, Slack's Creek, when caller, Bernie Kennedy and a group of Scottish dancers were featured guests. Over one hundred packed the hall and the Scottish dancing was particularly well received. A big "thank you for coming" from caller, Jack Mitchell and all at The Barn.

### SANDGATE PICNIC

A most successful and happy club picnic was enjoyed by Sandgate's B-Bar-L Hoedowners on Sunday, May 15, at Burpengary. Ball games, including a Ladies versus Gents game of defence, proved popular as did the dancing which followed. Even the mosquitoes which turned out to welcome the visitors, could not dampen their enthusiasm.

### "ISLAND IN THE SUN"

Bribie Island was indeed the Island In The Sun of Milton's

Wheeling Eights last month and their square dance week end was described as "fantastic." Caller, Eric Wendell, advises that Ken Henly will be at the microphone while he is away in Adelaide, and also wishes to thank all who contributed to the Swing-Esy Disaster Fund. The total received exceeded one hundred dollars.

### FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

The Aces of Coopers Plains celebrated their fourth anniversary on May 21, and what a great night it was.

The junior Western Stars gave a fine display, novelties included the Rainmaker and the Egyptian Mummy, and Ailsa Chadwick made the birthday cake.

The Aces commence their 1966 series of Esso demonstrations at Moorooka on June 4.

### MOONIE OILFIELDS

Bernie Kennedy with his Bar-K Ramblers will be heading west on Saturday, May 28, for their second visit to the Moonie Oilfields. And, of course, they're looking forward to the big Saturday night square dance at the Moonie Motel which will attract interest from miles around. Best wishes for a happy and successful trip.

### "CLUB WITHOUT A HOME"

Brisbane's Cross-Trail Twirlers, a second year club of three sets which regularly dances to the calling of Johnny Wilkinson, are in the awkward position of being a "club without a home," at present. When it became necessary to move from the Red Cross recreation centre, Greenslopes, the Twirlers found that other local halls were also unavailable. Live-wire organiser, Jack Clavton, has made further enquiries, meanwhile, and is certain to come up with a new location very soon.

### REDCLIFFE HOOTENANNY

The large modern memorial hall, Redcliffe, was the delightful setting for last month's Hootenanny to aid the local sub normal children's fund. The Humbvong Dancers provided strong support and the Aces stole the show wearing Bells On My Heart Tonight. Featured also were Mal Kidston's very talented Starlighters Revue company with variety entertainment.

### RECORD SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

At the present time 55 square dancers in Newcastle have paid their subscription to the New South Wales Society and we believe that this is an all time record for the Newcastle area.

Congratulations to Arthur Hearn who has done a marvellous job of "lobbying" and for the benefit of any dancer who has not yet paid his subscription, the annual fee is only 25 cents per person, and apart from supporting "the cause" of square dancing in N.S.W. and helping the Society with their administration, this subscription also entitles you to a personal copy of the monthly Review, and also covers each dancer for insurance in any hall in which they may be dancing in New South Wales.

### BEGINNERS DANCE

Once again we would like to remind all dancers that the learners dance which is being run by the Hunter Valley Square Dance Committee commenced on the 19th May in the N. Lambton scouts hall. The caller will be Brian Hotchkies.

If you know anyone who is interested in learning, please take them along.

### CAR RALLY

The date for this event is set down and will be Sunday, 4th September. Final destination will be Redhead. All arrangements are nearly finalised and it promises to be the best event of the year.

Mark your diary so as not to miss. Entry fee and prizes will be announced in the next issue.

### ADVANCED CLASS

A series of advanced class nights which were held for all our new square dance friends, has been completed.

Disappointment was expressed in the small attendance which was just over two squares. The feeling was that more dancers should have taken the opportunity to become more acquainted with the newer movements. The success was clearly obvious for those attending by the

many comments from square dancers on their tremendous improved dancing ability. It is hoped the next one held will have a better attendance.

We would like to thank Henk for giving his time and who made no admission charge, as the premises were donated by the Hardcombe family to whom we say a big thank you.

PS. We also thank Winnie and Arthur who came out every night on just a telephone call to make up the numbers.

### FOOTNOTES

On Tuesday, 31st May, Betty and Mick Caulley will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, and judging from their youthful appearance and enthusiasm for life in general, it is fully apparent that they must have been married when they were ten years old.

Congratulations from all of us to you both.

Also on the same day, both Esmee and Cyril Edman will be celebrating their 25th anniversary, and here again we would like to extend our congratulations to this grand couple, and sincere best wishes for many future years of happiness.

Henk Johannessen is very fond of placing people in a circle on their birthdays, whilst he record "Many Happy Returns of the Day," aided and abetted by a melodious chorus of all dancers present. We were recently able to turn the tables on Henk when he celebrated his birthday and just for a change, placed him in a circle whilst we sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Incidentally, we have all been concerned to learn of the present illness of Henk's father and sincerely trust that it will not be long before he is once again enjoying the best of health.

Phil and Pearl Wilson recently returned from a square dance holiday in Queensland and would like to thank all square dancers from that area for the wonderful time that they had whilst they were there.

## PROMENADERS

Tuesdays — Greenwich Community Centre  
 Wednesdays — Dundas Town Hall  
 3rd Saturdays — Dundas Town Hall  
 Tea Provided, Bring Your Cup  
 Standards, Good To Better  
 Caller: TOM McGRATH



# Victorian Jottings

## SUNNYSIDE

Our one night at Beavis Street was very well attended with 11 sets taking the floor.

Visitors were popular couple, Fred and Elva Andrews from Mildura, also Ron Mathes who dances at Newcastle, and his family who hail from Shepparton. Very nice to see all these people again.

A group of Sunnysiders paid a visit to the Round Dance Club recently. It was a combined night with other clubs, and was most enjoyable. A few Rounds were taught, and a bit of brushing up on a few Rounds for the coming Convention.

Friendly couple, Edith and Les Davis, have returned from their trip to the East. Les tells us that he was not allowed to visit the community bath house in Japan, but knew of one man who had five baths in three days. These little Japanese girls must be really something.

The Mothers Night was very bright, with all the mums getting all the prizes, of course

Ida O'Shea is back dancing again, also a welcome back to Dulcie Pepperall and Trevor Webb after their accidents. Unfortunately, Sybil Beach and Kath Ward are still on the sick list.

Convention time is drawing near and everyone is counting out dollars for tickets, etc. Victoria will again be very well represented at this Convention. Important date to remember—Friday, 26th August. Square Dance Cabaret and Dinner Dance, at Centenary Hall, Caulfield.

With deep regret we mention the passing away of Bill Barry. Bill and his wife Audrey, have been with the Sunnyside Club for many years. Our deepest sympathy to Audrey and family on their tragic loss.

## VALETTA

While Wallv and Jean were away on holidays, calling at the club was very capably handled by Eric Clark, Merv Groves, Bernie Hodson and Kevin Leydin, assisted by some impromptu calling by Jack Charlesworth and John Hartley.

Wallv is now back, brighter, and fitter than ever and the ball is really jumping every Tuesday night. It seems that the only way to win the Monte Carlo is by banning the Charlesworths.



Ethel Bishop and Betty Fitch are both still on the absent list recuperating from recent operations. Ron and Vonnie are away on a well deserved holiday and the running of the Club is in the hands of Clare Robertson.

Nice to see the Tangerines back to dancing again; doesn't take them long to catch up on the new calls.

## CAMBERWELL

Once upon a time there was a good fairy at Camberwell Square Dance Club who brought along a beautiful pumpkin as a prize. This was won by Olyve Cowan, who caught a murmur from American, Art Scheiber to the effect that it would make a beautiful pumpkin pie. Next week, Hey, Presto! the pumpkin was transformed into not one, but several pumpkin pies which were quite delicious, and you should have seen the beautiful square dancing after supper that evening.

The good fairy was so pleased with this result that another enormous pumpkin was donated, and guess who won?—Art Scheiber! We do hope you can cook, Art.

Bon voyage wishes to Kath Penhalluriak and Frank Gill who will be globetrotting for the next few months. If possible, both Frank and Kath will visit Oakwood Club in Enfield, Middlesex.

## HAPPY VALLEY

Engagement congratulations to Betty Mack and Tony Tomado. Dancers say that Pat and Les can't take any credit for this one, but we're sure we helped it along a little bit.

Tony is a very new dancer who showed promise right from the start, and is looking forward to dancing in Ian Ball's set at the Convention.

Many thanks to all our dancers who have helped to make the Alphonson nights so enjoyable. These dances are held every few weeks on a Friday night. Ring 694921 for the next date.

Our thanks are also due to those noble gatherers of wood, Eric Cleburne and Lance Lane.

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## BOX HILL

Have you seen yourself dance on T.V.? We must thank Ron and Joy Hooper for this pleasure when they appeared one night with a video tape recorder camera and TV set. We had a lot of laughs at the antics of some of the dancers when not aware that the camera was on them. Why did Val King insist on hitting Les Thompson and scratching her head.

The month of June will provide us with plenty of activity with the Convention being the first item on the agenda and this will be followed up with a party night on the last Tuesday night in

Who's henpecked in the Club? Three brave fellows washed up the dishes the other night, no breakages, either. The girls voted a job well done, but the following week, no volunteers from the men. I wonder why.

Nice to see new faces at the dance and we look forward to their company each week. Ellen and Graham Roseman, Ann Bruce, John Hearm and Diane Taylor are all dancing well with only a few weeks' tuition.

Beginners classes are starting again and for more information regarding these Friday night classes, contact Ron Mennie, 88-4834.

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# Tasmanian Topics

## LAUNCESTON

We are still reeling from the shock we received on being told that the hall in which we danced for over ten years was being closed and we would have to remove ourselves by the end of May. At the general meeting called to discuss our position members came forward with their bright ideas as to where we could go. One thing holding us up was the question of finance. Those nice big modern centrally-situated halls cost money, more than we could afford. What could we do? Madam President did a fine job contacting caretakers, secretaries, owners, Ministers, finding out particulars of their halls, only to be told: "Sorry, no dancing; the last crowd stomped, and our windows fell out and our floors were ruined." Oh, that dratted stomp!

Then, at last we found it—a nice modern church hall with nice modern, clean facilities, at a price we could afford. Someone's chuckling with glee now it is all fixed up. Me!

The hall is right across the road from home! My mid-year resolution is never to be late for square dancing.

We moved in on Wednesday, 18th May, and had an informal "welcome to ourselves" night.

Our practice set held another night of square dance

fun during May and I thank the ladies for their help with the supper. Maybe the notice appearing on the seats: "Axle loads 5¼ tons prohibited" should have shown up after supper—not before.

A good gathering of members and their families took part in our picnic trip to the Mole Creek Caves. The beautiful weather in Launceston when we left gradually deteriorated until by the time we reached Mole Creek it was raining. We lunched in a three sided hut designed for that purpose and, I'm sure, to let in as much draught as possible. It was a very boisterous crowd who went down into the caves to learn all about stalactites and stalagmites. Now which was which? We were rather awed to learn that the fastest grow at the rate of about one inch every twenty years. The person who named the various bits and pieces must have had a strong imagination to find resemblances among those oddly-shaped pieces. Ours, I'm afraid, required a jog sometimes.

By the time this is in print we will be in Adelaide and I am looking forward to meeting again those folk whom I have met at previous Conventions and will meet at many more, I hope.

Until then, cheerio!

## QUEENSLAND'S CONVENTION PARTY

Well, it's finally arrived—National Convention Month, 1966—and fifty Queenslanders are Adelaide bound for the big annual "Whing-ding!" The months of preparations and planning are over and we again look forward to meeting old friends from all parts of Australasia and meeting new ones.

Queensland callers appearing at the Convention include Graham Rigby, Eric Wendell, Bernie Kennedy and Rodney McLachlan, whilst the "Sky-larks," "Sunshine Stars," "Wheeling Eights" and "Bark Ramblers" will be featured among the dressed sets on parade.

Each National Convention is exciting and stimulating, and we look forward to sampling the Adelaide brand of hospitality.

Colin Huddleston, in particular has made many friends among us, and we're certain that his warm, carefree personality is typical of many others in his home State.

Yes, indeed, Queensland is again well represented. We'll see you all in Adelaide!

# From South Australia

Just recently, the Walkerville Square Dance Club were paid a visit from Ron and Elfa Whyte who were in Adelaide for a short visit. Ron called a couple of brackets and taught a couple of new dances that were really enjoyed by all.

Ron preferred calling to his canned music, but Brian, John (piano), Les (bass) and all present insisted he call to live music for just one singing call, so away went Ron with Island In The Sun and really did a good job. Many thanks for your visit, Ron and Elfa, all looking forward to seeing you at the Convention in June.

Allan Frost who was also there on this night, called a bracket, too. This was a night for visitors. Jan Sorrell who used to play the piano for Brian also popped in with her new arrival, young Mark. Dot and Les Bennet are the proudest of grandparents.

On May 15th this Club had a trip on the Port River. It was a bit crowded (about 80 dancers) as only four sets could dance at one time, but a good time was had by all.

If you're looking for lots of fun one Saturday evening,

just pop out to Broadview Methodist Church to their monthly dance. This group are a real "happy gang." Any body passing by would think it was the Sing Along With Mitch Show going on the way they have the round-ups with sing alongs.

Not forgetting the dance held fortnightly in the Adelaide Hills district of Mylor, where a good attendance is always found. This dance is held to raise funds for the Mylor and District's Emergency Fire Service Unit. It's a pity a few more of the local lads don't show up at the dances.

Brian expresses his many thanks to all dancers from Walkerville who travel some 30 miles each fortnight to attend this dance.

All at Walkerville are looking forward to meeting all dancers and callers at the Convention from interstate and an invitation is extended to all to the Club's picnic in the Adelaide Hills at Loftia Park on the Monday of the Convention week end and also to the Club dance on Monday night at Walkerville.

*Dawn Hickson and Wally Crichton wish to thank their many friends for the best wishes and wonderful gifts given them when they announced their engagement last month*

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# Your Dance Diary

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### MONDAY

**PUNCHBOWL**—Ron Jones. Old R.S.L. Hall, Rossmore Avenue. UY 7118.  
**DUNDAS** — (Allemanders). Caller John Blackwood. 1st and 3rd. Town Hall, Marsden Road. 842488.  
**RHODES**—Roy Welch and Arthur Gates. 2nd and 3rd. Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. LY9208. Standard advanced.  
**NEWCASTLE**. — Brian Hotchkies. 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.

### WEDNESDAY

**BELMORE**—(Circle 8). Bev Pickworth. Scout Hall, Lark Street. UW 4166.  
**MACQUARIE**—Roundup Club. Henk Johannessen. Whitebridge Community Hall. Alternate Wednesdays. Phone Swansea 643.  
**DUNDAS**—Promenaders. Tom McGrath. Dundas Town Hall, Marsden Road. 85-3821.

### THURSDAY

**MIRANDA** — Arthur Gates. Miranda Pre-School Kindergarten Hall, opposite Miranda Station. Thursday nights. Phone 57-7404

**RIVERWOOD** — Bill Sweetman. Scout Hall Bond's Road (rear of Total Service Station) 602-5427.

**RHODES**—Round Dance only. 3rd Thursday. Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. 50-9208. Thursday night at Campsie has transferred to Catholic Hall Bexley, Bexley Road, Bexley North, Thursday nights. Beginners welcomed. Callers, Frank O'Mara and Bob Woolcock.

### FRIDAY

**COLLAROY PLATEAU**—Len Woodhead. Progress Hall, Hall Avenue. JF 1205.  
**NEWPORT BEACH**—(B) Newport Surf Club Hall. Roy Welch. 50-9208.  
**HAMILTON** (Newcastle)—Henk Johannessen. Transport Hall. 57-2771.

### SATURDAY

**BELMORE**.. Square and Round. Bev. Pickworth, Avis and Jack Nimmo. Second Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark St. 632-6685, 72-4166.  
**MEREWETHER** (Newcastle)—Surfside 8 Club Family Roundup Club. Every Saturday night. Esmae Edman, Phone 63-2170.  
**DUNDAS**—Dundas Promenaders. Tom McGrath. Third Saturday. Town Hall. Phone 85-3821.  
**DUNDAS**—Docey Doe. Bev Pickworth. 4th Saturday. Town Hall. 853646.  
**BELMORE\***—Ron Jones. 3rd Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. UL 5330.  
**BELMORE**—(Ramblers). Ron Jones. 4th Sat. Scout Hall, Lark Street. UY 7118.  
**BELROSE** — Vince Spillane. 2nd Saturday. Ralston Ave. 94-4186. Advanced standard.  
**(B) BERRISFIELD** — Brian Hotchkies, Bob Piper. Tarro Community Centre Hall. Under 15 years at 5.30 p.m.; Adults at 8 p.m.  
**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. Second Saturday in each month.  
**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.

## CANBERRA, A.C.T.

**THURSDAY** — Lakeside Club, Hughes Community Centre. Alternate Thursdays. Callers Laurie Edgar, Roy Hegarty 81-2875.

## QUEENSLAND TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

**WEST END**—State School, Fortnightly. Junior. Graham Rigby. 56-1251  
**TOOMBUL**—"Sunshine Stars," Church of England Hall, Fortnightly, (Open). Sid Leighton. 69-3678.

### THURSDAY

**HOLLAND PARK**—"Marshall Stars," Marshall Road State School. Weekly. Junior. Graham Rigby. 56-1251  
**MILTON**—"Wheeling Eights." Weekly. Workshop and Rounds. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

### FRIDAY

**ASHGROVE**—"S-Bar-B". St. Barnabas' Hall (Tram Stop 12). Weekly. (Open). Graham Rigby. 56-1251  
**GORDON PARK**—Methodist Church Hall, Beaconsfield. Monthly. (Open). Sid Leighton. 69-3678

**SANDGATE**—"B-Bar-L Hoedowners," British Ladies Hall. Fortnightly. Open. Peter Johnson. 96-3813

**SLACKS CREEK**—Springlands Barn. Weekly (Open). Jack Mitchell. 6-4262

**WYNNUM**—"Wheeling Eights." Guardian Angels Hall. Weekly. (Open). Eric Wendell. 95-5606

### SATURDAY

**COOPER'S PLAINS**—"Ace Square Dancers". Memorial Hall, Rookwood Avenue. 56-1251 Monthly. (Open). Graham Rigby.

**GREENSLOPES** ("Cross Trail Twirlers," Red Cross Recreation Hall. Fortnightly. Open. Johnny Wilkinson. C/. 91-1148

"Teen Twirlers" Greenslopes Scout Hall.. Monthly. Closed. Peter Johnson. 96-3813.

**MILTON**—"Bar-K- Ramblers. (Open). Fortnightly. Bernie Kennedy. 78-1340.

**IPSWICH**—North Ipswich Scout Hall. Monthly. Open. Graham Rigby. 56-1251

**MARGATE**—Humpybong Scout Hall. Oxley Ave. Monthly. (Open). Graham Rigby 56-1251.

**MILTON** — "Wheeling Eights." (Open) Weekly. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

### TOOWOOMBA

Lutheran Church Hall, Neil Street. Monthly. (Open). Graham Rigby.. 56-1251

## VICTORIA MONDAY

**MOORABBIN**—Ron Whyte. Private Beginner classes. 95-1496.

### TUESDAY

**CARNEGIE** — (Valetta). Wally Cook. Scout Hall Mimosa Street. 24-5518

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

**MOORABBIN**—Ron Whyte. Private Beginner classes. 95-1496.

**BOX HILL**—Ron Mennie. Scout Hill, Elgar Road. 88-4834.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

**ALPHINGTON**—Youth Centre, Lower Heidelberg Rd., Please Contact 694921. Monthly. Beginners welcome.

**BRIGHTON** — Wally Cook (Teenagers). Congregational Hall, 2nd Friday. 24-5518

**CARNEGIE**—Wally Cook. RSL Hall, Rosanna Street. Every 3rd Saturday. 24-5518

## SATURDAY

**S.MELTON**—Eric Clarke (Beginners). Monthly. Public Hall, Frankston. 32-792.  
**GEELONG**—Eric Clarke. All Saints C. of E. Newtown (Monthly).  
**CAULFIELD**—(Sunnyside). Ron Whyte. Bowling Club, Queen's Avenue. 95-1496.  
**WILLISON**—(Happy Valley). Les Schroder. Scout Hall. Fordham Avenue. MX 4921.  
**FOREST HILL**—Jack Murphy. (Teenagers). Monthly. First Saturday. St. Marks Church of England Hall, Canterbury Road. Phone 89-6971  
**BLACKBURN** — Jack Murphy. (Teenagers. Second and fourth Saturdays. Progress Hall, Canterbury Road Forest Hill (near Springfield Road). Phone 89-6971

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Monday Nights:

Weekly. Druid's Hall, Walkerville. Advanced Dancers. Brian Townsend. 51-3559.

### Wednesday Nights:

Fortnightly. Clarence Park Institute. Advanced Dancers. Colin Huddleston. 45-4556.

Fortnightly. Largs Bay Sailing Club. Beginners. Colin Huddleston. 45 4556.

### Thursday Nights:

1st Thursday in every month. Wayville Institute. Colin Huddleston. Round Up Club. 45-4556.

### Friday Nights:

Clovelly Park Community Hall. Beginners. Brian Townsend. 51-3559.

### Saturday Nights:

Fortnightly. Mylor Hall, Mylor. Beginners. Brian Townsend. 51-3559.

Monthly. Dunleath Methodist Church Hall. Beginners. Allan Frost.

Fortnightly. Methodist Church Hall Hayward Ave., Torrens-ville. Beginners. Colin Huddleston. 45-4556.

Broadview Methodist Church Hall. Beginners. Brian Townsend. 51-3559.

## NEW ZEALAND CHRISTCHURCH

Every Saturday, W.E.A. Centre, Gloucester Street. Beginners: 8-10.30 p.m.

Every Tuesday, Central Y.M.C.A. Oxford Tce. Beginners: 7.45 to 10.15 p.m.

Every Thursday, Bryndwr Y.M.C.A. Beginners: 7.45 to 10.15 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Kaiapoi— Kaiapoi Petone Group. Every Thursday. 8-10.30

**DUNEDIN**— Waggon Wheel Club. Jim Donaldson. St. Clair Gymnasium. Every Wednesday, 4th Saturday. Ring 38039.

### TASMANIA

**WEDNESDAY** — LAUNCESTON Milton Hall, Frederick Street, Launceston. Caller, Des Webber. 31-1563

**THURSDAY** — BEACONSFIELD Area School Hall every alternate Thursday. Caller, Des Webber. Phone Beaconfield 25