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Dates To Remember

N.S.W.

- APRIL 9, Sunday, 2 p.m.
Square Dancing in Bankstown Square.
- APRIL 28, 29:
Bundanoon Weekend. Deposit \$2.00 per person to Secretary, Box 1430 G.P.O., Sydney.
- MAY 28:
Belmore Picnic at Audley, National Park.
- JUNE 3:
Alan Blackwell Memorial Night, Cammeray Hall. Sponsored by Greenwich Star-timers.
- JUNE 10, 11, 12:
Sydney-Newcastle Half-way Week-end at Terrigal.
- SATURDAY, JULY 29:
Annual Ball, Paddington Town Hall.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17:
Dance for visiting Americans.
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24:
2nd Annual Festival of Dance, Lane Cove Town Hall.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

A well-attended meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A., Pitt Street, on Sunday, March 5, when the following officers were elected:---

- Patron: Alderman John Armstrong, Lord Mayor of Sydney.
- President: Laurie Spalding.
- Senr. Vice-President: Roy Welch.
- Vice-President: Geof Gow.
- Vice-President: Henk Johannessen (Country).
- Vice-President: Bev Pickworth.
- Hon. Secretary: (Elected in his absence) Roger Freestone.
- Hon. Treasurer: Frank O'Mara.
- Publicity Manager: Bill Matthews.
- Publications Manager: Tom McGrath.
- Public Relations Manager: Jim White.
- Co-ordinating Editor: Owen Edmonds.
- Hon. Auditor: Eric Bradley.

It should be remembered by all members that the office-bearers are all volunteers and need all the help members can give them in the coming year. Among the matters discussed and passed were a

change in the constitution pertaining to callers. It was also voted to limit the Bronze and Silver competitions to one dance in the heats.

The coming visit in November of Bob and Becky Osgood, plus thirty American square dancers, was discussed. A big dance will be put on for them by the Society on Friday, November 17, 1967.

The Amateur Callers' Night will be held at the Alan Blackwell Memorial Dance on June 3. The men's and ladies' section will be limited to six contestants each. The prizes will be awards of the winners' choice. The six finalists will be picked by the Society executive before June 3.

The second annual Festival of Dance will be held at the Lane Cove Town Hall on Friday, November 24.

A float will be entered in this year's Waratah Festival. It is hoped that everyone will get behind this project and make it a real success.

—Tom McGrath.



CONVENTION

National Convention Report

As we arrive at our copy deadline for this issue, the Eighth National Square Dance Convention is only days away and interest is running high all over Australia. Between eight hundred and a thousand are expected at Brisbane City Hall on Saturday, March 25, and further attendance records are expected to be broken.

The May edition of the "Review" will be a Convention Special with full details of the entire Easter weekend. Reports will appear, covering all displays, demonstrations, discussions, workshops and highlights — all in all, the complete picture of "National Eight In The Sunshine State"!



The above officials are congratulated on their election. Many thanks to the members of the retiring executive for their loyalty, co-operation and assistance during my term as President of the Square Dance Society of New South Wales.

Yours Squarely,
Bill Rolph.



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PLEASE NOTE !

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"WE ARE SEVEN"

by Bib Bell (Sunnyside)

The Sunnyside Birthday — what a "wow" of a night — The weather was kind, and everything bright. Everyone came to eat, drink and be merry, We gathered at seven for snacks, punch and sherry. Lemonade for the youngsters, and also some "coke", They really enjoyed it, these happy young folk. The tables were cleared, taken out of the hall, The dancers were ready, Ron started to call. The round up was called and I'd just like to mention The crowd was so great it was like a Convention. The sets were squeezed in, all over the floor, And were glad of the breeze through window and door. The "live" music act was simply a riot, Any caller who saw it would sure want to buy it. "Liver Archie" and "Banjo" and our own "Rolly Stone" "Droopy W. C. Bass", who stood up alone. Dot and Jack Murphy then came on the floor, They showed a new round dance — a winner for sure. We all managed to learn it, but not enough space, The floor was too crowded to use style and grace. We've danced seven years with an increasing crowd, That's surely a record of which to be proud. Many thanks, Ron and Ella, for the work that you do, Seven wonderful years, and it's all due to you.

To the "Wheeling Eights"

I would like to thank the "Wheeling Eights" in Brisbane for the wonderful time I had up there at Christmas. It was a time I will never forget; the friendliness was overwhelming. A special word of thanks to Jane Steele for making it all possible. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, so, until then, "Thank you" and "good luck".
—Graham Baldwin,
Promenaders, Sydney.

Square DANCE

Round DANCE



Bundanoon

BRONZE: "Green, Green".
Top. 25116.

"Gravy Train". Windsor. 4847.

SILVER: "Stand at Your Window." Windsor. 4857.

"Hard Hearted Hannah." Windsor. S.I.D. 147.

GOLD: "Moon is Making Eyes".
Top. 25120.

"Hot Time in the Old Town"
Top. 25046.

VETERAN: "Island in the Sun." Grenn. 12067.

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SQUARE YOUR SETS

(A roundup of Queensland News).

Progressive Supper

Friday, April 21, is the date set for Ashgrove's Progressive Supper, when members and friends will visit four homes in the course of enjoying an evening of dining and dancing fun. The club celebrated "Programme Six Hundred" last month, with the annual "Easter Parade", on the following week, attracting great interest.

R.A.C.Q. Picnic

Each year, the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland, in association with radio station 4KQ, organises a picnic at Sandgate for the underprivileged children of Brisbane and square dancing is always well to the fore on the programme. The R.A.C.Q. picnic is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, and, at time of writing, the junior "Western Stars" are looking forward to their appearance.

Junior Anniversaries

The "Western Stars", of West End, had a real "ball" on Saturday, February 25, when they celebrated their first anniversary. A junior "pop" group, "The Orbits", played during the evening which included novelties, games, dancing and supper. And, on Tuesday, March 14, the "Marshall Stars", of Holland Park, enjoyed their fourth birthday anniversary in a bright, happy atmosphere.

Maryborough Dancing

Square dancing is soon to resume in Maryborough, when ballroom instructor Colin Ogilvie commences a series of classes at his studio in response to a number of requests. Colin, on two visits to Brisbane recently, was most enthusiastic over the square dance potential in his home town and intends being with us for the coming National Convention. Best wishes, Colin.

Kiwi Corner

WAGGON WHEEL SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Waggon Wheel Club, Dunedin, is off on another square dance year and a varied programme has been put forward for our dancers. An innovation, on the social side, is a car trial, ending with a barbecue, picnics, party nights and an hotel dinner, which will make our 10th anniversary one to look forward to.

Easter vacation will again be held in Timaru, and to all those Christchurch dancers

Kenmore Success

The location was the Catholic Church Hall at Kenmore, the date, Saturday, February 18, the attendance, about one hundred and fifty, the result, a most successful opening to Brisbane's newest club. The stage was decorated delightfully "country style", and all age groups were represented in this "family" type of evening. Mrs. Johnson, our tremendously "on-the-ball" organiser, deserves special thanks for a job well done.

Square Dance Barbecue

Mr. and Mrs. Logan, of Tent Hill, via Gatton, have organised a square dance barbecue for their daughter, Lynette, and her fiancée, Rob MacKenzie, as a pre-wedding party. Hostesses will be Pam Logan, Esme Baltzer and Suzanne McKenzie, and square dancers and friends have been invited from all over the district. Graham Rigby will travel from Brisbane to call for the dancing.

Brisbane Championships

This month sees the staging of the Brisbane Junior Square Dance Championship Final on Television's QTQ Channel 9. The top northside team, Nundah, will meet the South Brisbane champions in an exciting contest, winners of which will compete in the State Championships later in the year. "Alabama Jubilee" and "Hot Time" are the selected dances.

Wedding Bells

Saturday, April 29, is the big day for Sid Leighton and Bette Pearce, when wedding bells will ring for them at Sandgate. Now with several years experience, Sid is fast becoming one of Queensland's leading callers, whilst Bette, whose dancing dates back many years, has long been a most graceful and experienced dancer. We all join in wishing them every future happiness!

who will not be in Brisbane a special invitation goes to attend and participate in the programme of dancing on Saturday and Sunday nights, with bikini-spotting and swimming as a sideline; on Saturday and Sunday a car trial.

Our very best wishes to the Queensland committee for a highly successful Convention. Some N-Zedders will be attending and will thoroughly enjoy your hospitality. Our big regret is that there will be no one there from our club.

—Rae McKenzie.

Newcastle News

NEWCASTLE Y.M.C.A. CLUB NEWS

At our annual meeting on February 21, the following executive members were elected for 1967:

President:

Brian Hotchkies.

Vice-President:

Arthur Abrahams.

Secretary:

Don Hoskins.

Assistant Secretary:

Wendy Ohearn.

Treasurer:

Bill Simkus.

Club Members' Rep.:

George Fleming.

On Monday, February 27, our club held a special dance in aid of the Tasmanian Bush Fire Appeal, for which we raised \$22, which was a good effort. About six squares of dancers came along, and we wish to thank them all for making the night such a success, and I am sure everybody enjoyed themselves. Also our thanks go to the Y.M.C.A., who let us use the hall free of charge, and to Coralie Trembath, our member artist for her fine display of paintings, depicting the Tasmanian Fire Disaster. During supper Brian and Wendy made all our mouths water when they brought out fruit salad and cream. Quite a few of our members are busy making preparations for their trip to the Convention at Brisbane.

NEWCASTLE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Square Dance Review News — April issue

Newcastle Square Dance Club's annual meeting was held on Tuesday, February 7, which resulted in the following officers being elected:

President:

Ken Urquhart.

Vice-President:

Phil Wilson.

Secretary:

Arthur Hearne.

Treasurer:

Mimi Ranclaud.

Dancers' Committee Rep.:

Bill Fulton.

Publicity Officer:

Audrey Cook.

On our first dance night for 1967 with seven squares dancing, we raised \$21 for the Lord Mayor's Tasmanian Bush Fire Appeal, to which the club donated a further \$20. Our Lord Mayor accepted this \$41 personally and confirmed his willingness to officially open the Ninth National Square Dance Convention on June holiday weekend, 1968.

During the Christmas holiday period Beverley and Geoff

Ranclaud with small daughter Karen, arrived home Kainantu, New Guinea spend their leave with and Mrs. Arthur Hearn Hamilton, and Mr. and Cliff Ranclaud, of Rayn Terrace. Bev and Geoff, two years in New Guinea, not forgotten their square dance steps and enjoyed party night on New Year Eve. They were visited by many of their friends were entertained with a night on their life in New Guinea. Bev and Geoff returned to Kainantu for further two years.

Angus and Audrey's elder son announced engagement to Brenda Brook at Christmas and sincere good wishes go to them both. Brenda and Richard are both registered dancers at Newcastle Kotara. Remember Marg Holt, Newcastle's Secretary for the 4th National Convention. Newcastle Club her very many square dance friends have congratulated on the announcement of engagement to Alan Fehin Victoria and soon Victoria dancers will enjoy their company.

The Newcastle Club will year celebrate an important occasion, namely, dancing the same hall continuously for 10 years. A very special birthday party is being arranged for the occasion on Friday, April 21, in the Transport and all our square dance friends are specially invited. The night promises to be a gay one with the theme of an Old Time Night and assures us of calling nur appropriate to the occasion. Make a note in your diary, join in the fun at Newcastle. For enquiries phone Ken Urquhart, 41933, and a donation is only 40 cents. Support will be provided for our city friends.

Another date to keep in mind, Newcastle's 10th picnic, Freemans Water Sunday, May 21. Barbecue dancing and fun for all.

Yours, sincerely,



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Tasmania
LAUNCESTON—
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 Hall, Penquite Rd., Newstead.
BURNIE—
 Monday: Texas Stars. Upper
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 ley. Phone 27

New Zealand
CHRISTCHURCH—
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 Y.M.C.A., Oxford Tce., 7.45
 to 10.15 p.m.
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 Learners 8.30 to 10.30 Scout
 Hall (rear 277 Stanmore
 Road) 858183.

Wednesday — Whirlaways, In-
mediate 8.30 to 10.30, Scout
Hall, behind 277 Stanmore
Road. 85-8183.

Wednesday. Waggon Wheel
Club. Jim Donaldson, St.
Clair's School Gym. 3 8039.
Wednesday: Barks Ave.
(Barks Ave. Twisters): Art
Shepherd, Barks Ave. School
Hall. Beginners and inter-
mediate. 31-513.

Thursdays: Beginners. Bryn-
dwr, Y.M.C.A., 7.45 to 10.15
p.m.

Friday: Paponui — Art Shep-
herd, Beginners, various
halls on rotation basis, con-
tact Don Finlason, 529-167.

Saturdays: Beginners, W.E.A.
Centre, Gloucester Street, 8
to 10.30 p.m.

Saturday: Central City (W.
E. A. Square Dance Club).
Art Shepherd, W. E. A.
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64-530.

Second Saturday: Whirla-
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 in JUNE, 1967

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 N.S.W. 43-4240.

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 TRALIA, Graham Rigby, 14
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S. AUST.: Brian Townsend,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I see my article: "My Turn Next", raised a few queries which is good, namely — only 150 active dancers and why 250 copies of the "Review". The answer to this is simple. Some of these 150 dancers attend every callers' dance and their dances are made up of locals, in fact if it were not for these active dancers then it would be, I repeat, "a poor state of affairs". Incidentally, all callers have been teaching beginners and this is fact. Now for the magazine's query of 250 copies. These magazines are distributed to the three callers who in turn distribute them at their own dances and also at their monthly or fortnightly church dances, so this would account for it. I, myself, did not buy many copies last season as I found that at the church dances they were just glanced at and left on the floor or strewn around. Most of these clubs did not attend the Adelaide Convention as they were only of beginners standard.

Colin Huddleston has retired this season from active calling and I personally thank Colin for all his help and good work in keeping Square Dancing alive in S.A. Let's hope we all see him and hear from him from time to time.

Brian Townsend has now taken over as S.A. editor and once again Brian, I say good luck! Alan Frost and I will be subscribing with Brian to meet costs for the "Review" and if anyone can obtain advertising donors then this would help tremendously. Particulars regarding advertising can be obtained from Brian.

Roger Weaver.

EDITORS NOTE

I suggest any surplus magazines you have left over you give them to your dancers and ask them to pass them on to some of their friends to read so that one day, they may eventuate into square dancers themselves.



In reply to J.H.F. Bayly's further thoughts may I say they are very unstable.

Have you really read the "Review" over recent years? I don't think so.

A person in your position should know better than to make such inaccurate statements. You say in S.A. callers get teenagers and then lose most of them. Do they really? I suggest J.H.F. before making such comments you get out and around and open your eyes at some dances in Adelaide and just see how many teenagers are in attendance, you might be surprised.

Two I run myself, you may care to look at, are at Walkerville (70% teenagers) and Mylor (90% teenagers). Admittedly at a learner's dance you are apt to lose a few, but not most.

Square dancing is a new type of entertainment to a learner. You will find at any kind of sport or social function there is always somebody, young or old, who finds it not entertaining to them. These are the ones you lose as it is apparently unsuitable to them.

You say at ballroom dances partners are not separated.

What about the ever-popular Canadian barn dance or when jiving was in it was progressive jive, and you will find most M.C.'s making other dances progressive (Military Two Step, etc.). Why? Because they are made popular by the dancers, and if you open your eyes again you will find nearly everybody up doing them. And at Go-Go dancing do they really dance with their partners?

At a square dance nearly all callers have several partner round-ups each night. There is always the few who won't join in the singular round-ups but what is to stop them joining in as couples as the round-up progresses. Most callers will close an eye to this. I gather in an article sent in to me by you which I classed as unsuitable for the "Review" that you are obviously pressing for callers to have sets forming on the floor.

Surely as a high school teacher you have been educat-



ed to mix with all people no matter what country, class or creed they may belong to.

What about the person in the formed set who lets his other seven team-mates down one night. Do they just sit out all night or go home? They'll go home, of course, and probably have a fall-out with the one who let them down and there you have not one but 8 absent from the square dance.

This is where round-ups solve the problem 100 per cent.

What about the notoriously shy teenagers you mention who come along to a learner's night without a partner (and this usually is the case). You've said they're shy. Yes, too shy to ask a young lady to dance with them. There again round-ups help to correct their shyness. I think you will find J.H.F. that there are not many self-convinced perfect dancers around today like yourself who want to dance with the same seven people every bracket at every dance all year round.

You will find the majority are friendly, sociable people, who enjoy dancing with others no matter what category they be classed in. You say also you have taught square dancing for 15 years. Where are all these folk today? Have you taught them not to mix with all folk and to treat other classes of people as you apparently treat them yourself. If you have I only pity them in their journey through life.

Also J.H.F., I don't see any advantage in the Graham Stone round-ups over what there is in any other type of round-up, for most clubs where the average attendance is not really high. I think the Jim Vickers Willis style is more satisfactory.

And may I suggest to all future convenors, to stick to the round-ups suggested by Tom McGrath at the Adelaide Convention. This type of round-up proved most successful for the big event. You will always find at Conventions dressed sets. They certainly are a spectacular sight, but, while they are encouraged you will always find a few self-convinced sets not joining in the round-ups to mix with others.

LONG WEEKEND CONVENTIONS

(by Graham Rigby, Qld.)

"Why," asks Brian Townsend, in last month's "Review" "are Conventions held on long weekends?" Brian proceeds to point out that there are a number of dancers who are unable to arrange their annual leave when a long weekend is included, and, for that reason, have to miss out on attending Conventions in other States.

I believe that the reason for long weekend Conventions lies in the fact that, where on limited travel is involved, dancers and callers make a "border-hop" within the space of three or four days. For instance, we, in Queensland, attend Conventions in Sydney, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane without the need of taking our annual leave, just as, for instance, Melbourne dancers could journey to Sydney, Newcastle or Adelaide just for the long weekend, necessary.

Brian states that most people who attend Conventions can arrange their holidays for any time of the year, but for one, cannot, and there are many Queenslanders in the same position. In order to attend Conventions in Melbourne or Adelaide, it requires arranging for one week of annual leave, which, although granted previously, is most difficult to get. It must be agreed that the majority of Australians, of necessity, take their holidays at Christmas time.

Summing up, I feel that long weekends are the only time for Conventions if you are to have the maximum number attending. Certainly those who can arrange their holidays at any time have a distinct advantage, but I do say that, if a poll were taken in Brisbane last month, I think that more than half of the visiting dancers were on annual leave. Long weekends are part of our success formula for future Conventions, so "when you see a good thing — stick to it!"



Victorian Jottings

VALETTA

New dances, new rounds and new recipes are keeping things on a happy note at Valetta, Ron Coates has been bringing along some additional recipes and these have been greatly appreciated. Iris Clark won the club prize of a set of ramekins and Shirley Burleigh has at last convinced everybody that she can dance "Running Bear" without making a mistake. Mac Kaine's thoughts of bringing along a bag of ice for the drinks on hot nights is appreciated by all, and the drink area becomes very popular.

Happy birthday greetings have been extended lately to Dan Green, Nancy Cook and our old pal, Len Foster, who is not experiencing the best of health but has the best of good wishes from everybody at the club.

Wally Cook.

BOX HILL NEWS

The talent which has been hidden for so long at Box Hill is slowly coming in the open. Our callers' night was a wow, and a usually very quiet gent surprised us all with his calling of "Green, Green". Keep up the good work, Ron H.

Our advertised picnic in the hills finally wound up at the beach. Although our net-fishing wasn't a great success we had fun in doing it anyway. And the girls challenged the boys in a game of rounders on the beach. No need to say who won. It was a mighty effort to get people to go in for a dip considering it was only sixty-four degrees in Melbourne on the day, and it was a harder job getting 'em to come out. They said it was lovely — I'll take their word for it.

We had dancing outside up until 8 o'clock. That hoedown with everyone holding a sparkler in each hand was real fun. We wish to thank Kath and Chris for their grand invitation and also the neighbours who didn't complain a bit, even with two or three huge speakers blaring out full bore. Records are made to be broken and after almost two years of always being knocked out of the Monte Carlo first up, Eric Brown had to go and spoil things and win it. And not with his wife Marion, either. Hmm!

This club will be operating over the Convention and Easter period with the exception of the Tuesday following Easter Monday, March 21. I have heard it may be

the only club going as all the callers will be in Sunny Queensland birdwatching. A certain popular couple will try to stand in for Ron and Jean, so if we don't have a club left when you come home, don't blame us, will you.

SUNNYSIDE

The main topic this month was, of course, our seventh birthday party. The hall was really crowded with 20 sets helping to celebrate this happy occasion. The night started off with a cocktail party in the beautifully decorated hall, and thanks must go to all the willing workers who helped with preparations, etc.

Among the guests were a group from the Round Dance Club, who put on a very nice demonstration of "Kon-Tiki". Our own young set gave an exhibition of new figures and danced very well together. Dot and Jack Murphy showed a new Round Dance, and despite the crowded floor, everyone seemed to learn it without too much trouble. Robert Hirst again entertained us with three songs during supper and received a great ovation. Robert has a very pleasant singing voice and is always very popular. The "Sympathy" orchestra, featuring Alan Droscher, Ron Mennie and Ray Saunder, with Bill Collins conducting was terrific and nearly brought the house down. To cope with the large crowd, every cup and glass in the hall was used, and the cordial and fruit punch gave out about 11.30.

How many cups of tea did you pour out, George? to say nothing of coffee, soft drinks, etc.

Congratulations to Helen and Jim, who are being married this month, and spending their honeymoon at the Convention. Nice to see Gus Garman back again. Gus has just left hospital after having an ear operation.

Was Norma Sullivan surprised when a group of her square dance friends descended on her recently for a surprise party for her birthday. Her husband, Ron, said she thought all her birthdays had come at once. Ron Whyte entertained the neighbours as well as the dancers with his calling. There was plenty of fun and lots to eat, we all had a very happy evening.

Molly Hickey entertained a group of friends at her home for a pre-Convention party —

we all had a most enjoyable evening — it was fun dancing to old tapes of Eddie Carols and Jim Vickers Willis, the style of dancing has certainly changed over the last few years.

HAPPY VALLEY

We had some very happy nights before two by two they all began drifting northwards for the Convention. Helen and Harold Saligari were the trail blazers, then Hazel and Eric Clarke, Jean and Bill McMahon took to the road, followed by Fay and Lance Lane, and so it went on. Ian and Helen kept their honeymoon plans a secret, so there was great excitement when they, too, appeared at the Convention. Les took great pride in proposing the toast to the happy couple, and a pair of silver-grey rugs was the present from all club members.

We were sorry to learn that the Hansords could not be with us because of Cec's recent operation, and indeed several other couples who had to cancel for various reasons, but it was good news that Anne and John Rowe were able to make it.

CAMBERWELL

Many old acquaintances will be renewed at the Convention, particularly Edna Neale, who now lives at Mermaid Beach, and Bess and Charles Manning, who organised Heathmont Club in earlier days of squaring. We look forward to seeing Dr. Ivor Burge, and his wife Eileen, and members of the St. Lucia University Club, who will be looking after our group whilst in Queensland. Two favourite watchwords of June Long's "Patience is a virtue", and "Seek and ye shall find" . . .

Helen and Ian were presented with a smorgasbord tray and dfor as a wedding gift from the club. We're just making sure, Helen.

ALPHINGTON

Tentative date April 21, but please ring 694921 to confirm.

HOW'S BUSINESS ?

Florist: Blooming.
Dry-Cleaner: Pressing.
Taxi-Driver: Fare, just fare.
Minister: Divine.
Photographer: Developing.
Exterminator: Lousy.
Baker: Rising.
Bank Robber: Holding up.
Stripper: Dropping off.
Munitions Manufacturer: Booming.
Rubbish Collector: Picking up.
Tailor: Sew, sew.
— "Starlighter",
Waggon Wheel Club,
Punchbowl, N.S.W.

TASMANIAN TOPICS

According to a local newspaper heading Ulverstone dancers attending the Brisbane Convention are doing a new dance, "Spare Dancing". Perhaps we will get a demonstration during the Easter weekend!

One of those attending, Barbara Gibbons, has paid her fare by bean picking. Let's hope she can straighten up from her back-breaking job before Easter. Dancers heading for Brisbane have been meeting weekly at Forth Hall to keep in practice during their club's summer break. They were recently joined by three Launceston "girls", two of whom surprised the Forth folk by ably taking over men's positions in the dance when the male element was short.

Kindred

A Fire Relief Appeal Dance held at Kindred, raised \$60 towards Hobart's Fire Appeal. Dancers packed the hall, the supper room and two sets danced on the grass outside. Graeme Whiteley was the caller.

Burnie

Graeme Whiteley was also the caller when the Burnie Texas Stars Square Dancers appeared on a local TV show, "The Entertainers". The Texas Stars were formed at the end of the winter season and have been running a closed dance for the past several months.

However, after Graeme returns from the Convention they will be meeting every Monday night at the Upper Burnie Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

Colin Huddleston's Visit

To date the itinerary for Colin's visit which is being sponsored by the Penguin Football Club is: Burnie — Saturday, April 8; Ulverstone — April 11; Launceston — Wednesday, April 12, and Sulphur Creek, Saturday, April 15. Further details may be obtained from Mr. L. Dobson, 11 Fielding St., Penguin.

Launceston

At the recent annual meeting, the 16th the club has held, six out of eight of last year's committee were returned, and we say welcome to our newcomers, Cheryl McCrostie and Vivian Hodgetts.

The committee for 1967 is:
President: Mav Neville.
Vice-President: Peggy Knight.
Secretary-Treasurer: Shirley Casboul.
Editor: Elsie Webber.
Committee Members: Cheryl McCrostie, Vivian Hodgetts, Des Webber.
Membership and Publicity: Brian Johns.

SQUARE WHIRL

JERSEYVILLE ROCKY RAMBLERS

Never heard of this club, have you? Well there is one! So, if you happen to be going north, drop a line to Rhonda Holbert, 34 Gregory St., South West Rocks, N.S.W. They dance fortnightly at the Jerseyville School.

CHATSWOOD WHIRLAWAYS

We will not have our usual dance on the second Saturday in April, mainly because everyone is going to be at Dawn and Wally's wedding. Everyone wishes this nice couple success and happiness in their wedded life.

BELMORE CLUB

Once again the Belmore Square Dancing Club held its annual general meeting at the Scouts' Hall, Belmore, in the customary manner.

Praise and thanks were given to the out-going officers and committee members. Naturally there were changes in the committee. The previous president, Laurie Spalding, was replaced by Bill Rolph. The newly-elected committee members are: President, Bill Rolph; Vice-President, Bev Pickworth; Secretary, Roy Petty (75-5330); Treasurer, Charlie Poulton; Assistant Secretary, Bob Woolcock; Publicity Officer, John Blackwood.

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

This has been some month! On our first Tuesday we showed up early and the hall was full of people — not square dancing, that's for sure. A double booking. So there we were, out on the sidewalk, looking in and singing "happy birthday" to Ivy Gow. Then six brave fishermen went fishing on the Lane Cove River, two Friday nights in a row. Tom McGrath would like to know how many people can you feed on a tailer three inches long? Everywhere you look these days a Promenader's badge is to be seen. If any club does more visiting than the Promenaders they'll have to prove it by visiting us. This month we will be taking in beginners. There will still be advanced brackets in between teaching the beginners.

P.S.—Our Geoff Gow is now Vice-President in the Society.

COLLAROY PLATEAU

Collaroy Plateau was called upon to assist at the Mona Vale Mardi Gras on Friday, January 13 (broadcast over 2UW), and, between GoGo dancing, showed the large crowd a little square dancing, both on the ground and on the back of a truck. Normal

weekly dances were resumed the following week but without our caller, Len Woodhead, who had a sojourn in hospital, we were happy to have Wal Crichton substitute for 3 weeks, and three squares had a happy time under his calling. Thank you, Wal, for stepping into the breach. We were pleased to welcome back newly-weds Betty and Bill Schneider.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS

Shorts for men are now the fashion. Led by our debonair poet and skilful square dancer Georgespeare, the men have been beating the heat this past month by wearing shorts and long socks, plus the usual long-sleeved shirts. As Roy Welch remarked on a visit to our club: "A nice-looking bunch of legs." Laughter and cheerfulness are still our best asset. Our beginners will be moving up in standard quite soon if they keep up the wonderful progress shown so far. We will report on our visit to the Convention in the next issue.

BELMORE RAMBLERS

Gum-boots? Now who needs gum-boots to square dance? Last month we had our usual good night's square dancing. Ron was in his proverbial good form and the crowd was in high spirits. Everything was fine until we decided to go home. Well! The rain was knee-deep as we stepped out of the hall. At least five cars had water up over their engines. Still, we are happy to report that everything turned out fine. We must remember to ask Ron Jones about his new-style mail-bag shorts sometime.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS, SATURDAY

Last month was a real bang-up party night. We had the new band with us and it's pretty good, too, you know that. Also, we had as visitors Brian Hotchkies, his boss, Wendy O'Hearn, Arthur Abrahams, and two very pretty representatives of Newcastle

Y.M.C.A. Club.

Everyone was in a holiday mood. We introduced a couple of good numbers (you should hear our oompah, oompah) plus a real oldie — anyone remember the old "Barrel Roll"? Things are getting better all the time for us

BELMORE CIRCLE 8

With over half the club going to Brisbane for the Convention, the last few weeks have seen much activity, with new dresses being made, club

pockets being sewn onto blazers, and a general polishing up on round dances that are expected to be on the agenda. We have missed Alice O'Mara, Reby Ritche and Ted Richards over the past few weeks; all have been on the sick-list, but are now well on the way to full recovery.

Welcome back to Rene and Ron Rawlings after an absence of some months. It is also nice to see Kath and Les Haertel from time to time. The Monday-nighters are progressing well and it is hoped to bring them into the club on May 10, which will be the club's fifth birthday anniversary. Come along and help us have a good time.



Dear Author, this space was held for you, but you forgot to write — Please do better after the Convention.



South Australia

Walkerville News

On March 6 this club held a fund-raising night for the Hobart Bushfire Appeal. \$42.08 was raised.

Many thanks to the Hampstead Heath Druids Lodge for making their hall available free of charge, also to Coca Cola Bottlers for their generous donation of drinks to be sold to raise money for the fund. Also many thanks to all those who attended and gave generously.

While 35 of us are enjoying the Convention, two nights of dancing have been recorded for those unfortunate ones who couldn't attend it. Thanks to Fred Watchmer for looking after things while we're away. Walkerville Club gets back to normal weekly dances from Monday, April 10.

Bert Dinnidge would like to express his thanks to the Queenslanders who gave him such a good time on his recent visit. Being a semi-trailer driver you will probably be seeing a lot more of him up there.

Brian Townsend.

Edwardstown News

Roger thought he could hang up his mike over the Christmas holidays but this was not the case as he was called on to do several charity demonstrations. He was very pleased to accept as they were all for good causes. They were at Ashford House Spastic Centre, Combined Orphanages at Unley Town Hall, on January 3, at Semaphore Carnival and at the Scout Corroboree at Woodhouse. The latter three were arranged by popular singer Johnny Mac. Roger expresses many thanks to the voluntary sets, musicians and helpers who so willingly gave up their time and leisure to help with these demonstrations.

Roger also wishes all dancers compliments of the season and good squaring for '67.



Your Dance Diary

Denotes a restriction on numbers applies. Ring the number shown before attending; (B) denotes beginner standard. (A) Denotes Advanced. All Dances Weekly unless stated otherwise.

New South Wales

MONDAY:

PUNCHBOWL: Ron Jones, Old R.S.L. Hall, Rossmore Ave. 70-7118.
DUNDAS (Allemanders): Vince Spillane, 1st and 3rd, Town Hall, Marsden Road. 86-5219.
RHODES (A): Roy Welch and Arthur Gates, 2nd and 3rd, Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. LY 9208.
NEWCASTLE: Brian Hotchkies, Y.M.C.A., King Street. 2-1065.

TUESDAY:

GREENWICH (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Community Centre, Greenwich Road. 85-3821.
ROSE BAY: Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen, Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road. 30-5075.

WEDNESDAY:

BELMORE (Circle 8): Bev. Pickworth, Scout Hall, Lark St. UW 4166.
MACQUARIE (Roundup Club): Henk Johannessen, Community Hall, Whitebridge. Alternate Wednesdays, Swansea 643.

DUNDAS (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Town Hall, Dundas, Marsden Road. 85-3821.
CHATSWOOD (B) Hoedowners: Terry O'Flaherty, Congregational Church Hall, Anderson Street.

THURSDAY:

MIRANDA: Arthur Gates, Kindergarten Hall, opposite station. 57-7404.
RIVERWOOD (Bev Pickworth, Bill Sweetman): Scout Hall, Bond's Road (rear of Total Service Station). 602-5427, 78-4166.
RHODES: Round Dance only, 3rd Thursdays, Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. 50-9208.
BEXLEY NORTH: Frank O'Mara, Catholic Hall, Bexley Road. 57-5415.

FRIDAY:

MIRANDA (A): Arthur Gates, Kindergarten Hall, opposite station, 1st Friday of month. 57-7404.
COLLARROY PLATEAU: Len Woodhead, Progress Hall, Hall Avenue. JF 1205.
NEWPORT BEACH (B): Newport Surf Club. Roy Welch, 50-9208.
NEWCASTLE: Henk Johannessen, Transport Hall, Hamilton. 41 933

SATURDAY:

DUNDAS (A) (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Third Saturday, Town Hall, Marsden Road. 85-3821.
DUNDAS (Docey Doe): Bev. Pickworth, Fourth Saturday, Town Hall,

BELMORE (Square and Round): Bev. Pickworth and Avis and Jack Nimmo, second Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. 632-6685, 78 4166.

RIVERWOOD: Bill Sweetman and Bev. Pickworth, first Saturday, Scout Hall, Bonds Road, (rear Total Service Station). 602-5427.

NEWCASTLE (Merewether Surfside 8 Club): Esmae Edman. 63-2170.

NEWCASTLE: Henk Johannessen. Alternate Saturdays, C. of E. Hall, Grin-sell Street, Kotara. 57-4371 or 57-3910.

NEWCASTLE: Brian Hotchkies. Alternate Saturdays, C. of E. Hall, Naughton Avenue, Birmingham Gardens. 55-8515.

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

BELROSE (A): Vince Spillane. Second Saturday, Ralston Avenue. 94-4186.

CHATSWOOD (Whirlaways): Wal. Crichton and Terry O'Flaherty. Second Saturdays, Congregational Hall, Anderson Street. 94-8554, 94-5832.

BELMORE (A) (Ramblers): Ron Jones, fourth Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. UY 7118.

BELMORE (*): Ron Jones, third Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. UL 5330.

GREENWICH (*) (A): Ron Jones, first Saturday, Community Hall Centre, Greenwich Road. XM 2292.

SUNDAY:

WESTMEAD: Bev. Pickworth. Second Sunday Westmead Boys' Home Hall (at railway station). Phone 78-4166.

Canberra, A.C.T.

THURSDAY (Lakeside Club): Hughes Community Centre. Alternate Thursdays, Laurie Edgar, Roy Hegarty. 81-2875.

Queensland

THURSDAY:

HOLLAND PARK ("Marshall Stars"): Graham Rigby (Juniors), Marshall Road State School. 56 1251, fortnightly.

MILTON ("Wheeling Eights"): Eric Wendell, Workshop and Rounds. 95-5606.

Thursday — Grovelly, Graham Rigby (Junior), fortnightly. State School, 56 1251.

FRIDAY:

ASHGROVE ("S-Bar-B"): Graham Rigby, weekly. St. Barnabas' Hall (Tram Stop 12). 56-1251.

GORDON PARK: Sid Leighton, monthly. Methodist Hall, Beaconsfield. 69-3678.

SANDGATE (B-Bar-L Hoedowners): Peter Johnson, fortnightly. British Ladies' Hall. 96-3813.

SLACKS CREEK: Jack Mitchell, weekly. Sringlands Barn. 6-4262.

SATURDAY:

GREENSLOPES* ("Teen Twirlers"): Peter Johnson, monthly. 96-3813. Scout Hall.

MILTON ("Bar K Ramblers"): Bernie Kennedy, fortnightly. 78-1340.

MILTON ("Wheeling Eights"): Eric Wendell, weekly. 96-5606.

Saturday — West End ("Western Stars"), Graham Rigby (Junior). State School, 56 1251.

Saturday — Kenmore, Graham Rigby, monthly, Catholic Church Hall, 56 1251.

IPSWICH: Graham Rigby, monthly. North Ipswich Scout Hall. 56-1251.

COORPAROO ("Cross Trail Twirlers"): Scout Hall, Cavendish Road, fortnightly. Johnny Wilkinson, c/o 91 1148.

Victoria

MONDAY:

GARDENVALE: Ron Whyte, teenagers, Scout Hall, Spinks Street, 95 1496.

TUESDAY:

CARNEGIE ("Valetta"): Wally Cook, Scout Hall, Mimosa Street. 24-5518.

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

BOX HILL: Ron Mennie, Scout Hall, Elgar Road. 88 4834.

WEDNESDAY:

CAULFIELD: Ron Whyte, fortnightly. Tennis Club Hall, Balaclava Road. 95-1496.

THURSDAY:

CAULFIELD (Round Dance): Edna Batchelor, Tennis Club Hall, Balaclava Road, 53 5763.

FRIDAY:

ALPHINGTON: Beginners' welcome. Monthly. Youth Centre, Lower Heidelberg Road. 69-4921. Les Schroder.

BRIGHTON: Wally Cook (Teenagers). Congregational Hall, second Fridays. 24-5518.

CARNEGIE: Wally Cook, R.S.L. Hall, Rosanna Street, third Saturday. 24-5518.

SATURDAY:

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" first Saturday, St. Mark's Church of England Hall, Canterbury Road. 89-6971.

BLACKBURN: Jack Murphy, "Teenagers", second and fourth Saturdays. Progress Hall, Canterbury Road, Forest Hill (near Springfield Road. 89-6971.

South Australia

MONDAY:

WALKERVILLE: Druids' Hall. (Happy Medium). Stop 12 Main North East Road. Brian Townsend, 51 3559, weekly.

THURSDAY:

PLYMPTON: Hayhurst Hall, (Advanced). Allan Frost, weekly.

SATURDAY

ADELAIDE HILLS: Mylor Hall. (Beginners). Brian Townsend, 51 3559, fortnightly.