

# SOUTH PACIFIC SQUARE

# DANCE REVIEW

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ROUND-UP  
OF

COUNTRY-  
WESTERN  
DANCING

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## Magnificent Response to American Tour

The October magazine saw the announcement of a proposed tour to the United States in 1969 to attend the American National Square Dance Convention. The result has been staggering, to date over 45 indicating they are interested.

At this stage it is not possible to advise dancers of the estimated cost except to say it is thought that it will be in the vicinity of \$1,000 per person.

Enquiries are currently being carried out and it is expected that a more detailed information sheet will be available to those persons interested by about mid January. Any person advising they are interested by writing to Jim White, 26 Osborne Road, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066, will receive this information sheet when available.

The following is an extract of a letter received from Bob Osgood of Los Angeles, on the subject:

"The possibility of a tour to the United States in 1969 by a group of Australians sounds tremendous! Working this far ahead, you are going to interest quite a number of people.

"Our first tour, which was also more than a year and a half in the planning, we signed people up and let them pay in so much each month until actual departure time. This made the tour so easy to accomplish that we would recommend it to others.

"I am writing to Harry and Marge MacGregor of

Seattle, General Chairman for the 18th National Square Dance Convention to be held June 26, 27 and 28, 1969. I think the MacGregors will realise the advantage of having folks coming from Australia, and the prospects of changing this to an 'International' instead of a National Convention, should appeal to them."

On the subject of paying so much each month, Jim White has already been in contact with a bank which has advised they would be prepared to handle all aspects of the trip and would be prepared to open special accounts with higher than savings bank interest) along the lines Bob Osgood suggests. They would also be prepared to arrange a fly-now-pay-later plan under special circumstances.

The following letter has been received from Harry and Marge MacGregor of Seattle, Chairmen of the 18th National Convention:

"We would be most happy to welcome you to our United States and would be honoured to lodge your group.

"We would be greatly honoured if your group would favour us with a demonstration square. This

would add an international flavour to our programme.

"Since lodging would be at a premium during the convention, with square dancers coming from the United States, Canada, Hawaii and Alaska, we would appreciate a confirmation as to the number of people who would be making the trip.

"We are most anxious to hear from you at the earliest possible time, so we may start making arrangements for your group."

This in effect solves the accommodation for the proposed stay in Seattle.

Discussions will be held with pending visitors from America in November con-

cerning the best places stopover in other cities. It is probable that the most economical will be the YM and YWCA. In the United States these organisations have excellent economy accommodation in most large cities.

When all the information sought is available it is intended to call a meeting those interested in Sydney to ascertain the general desires of the majority.

In the meantime, please write to Jim White if you are interested. A letter at this stage is not a commitment but can be a helpful guide towards planning this, the greatest venture so far for Australian Square Dancers.

## Best Wishes for Xmas

The Editors and Staff of the "Review" wish to extend their compliments of the season to all our readers, and may their happiness increase with the passing year.

N. S. W.

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### WANTED: EDITOR FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

With the running of dances plus other commitments, I cannot find time to do the editing of The Review for South Australia next year. Anyone interested in taking on the position of Editor can obtain further particulars from me at 11 Bert Street, Modbury, 5092, or at 51-3559 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. —Brian Townsend.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Dundas Town Hall

MARSDEN ROAD  
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Due to the fact that New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday night, please check with Tom McGrath at 85-3821, to be sure our Monster Night is on.

### OPENING AND CLOSING DATES

CLUB	CLOSING	XMAS PARTY	OPENING
Collaroy	Decem. 16	Decem. 16	Jan. 12
Circle 8	Decem. 19	Novem. 17	Jan. 9
Riverwood	Decem. 21	Decem. 7	Jan. 11
		Rockdale	
		Town Hall	Jan. 11
Docey Doe	Novem. 25	Novem. 25	Jan. 27
Belmore			
Square and			
Round	Not Closing	Decem. 9	Jan. 13
Rose Bay	Decem. 19	Novem. 7	Jan. 9
Allemanders	Decem. 4	Decem. 4	Feb. 5
Greenwich			
Promenaders	Decem. 12	Decem. 6	Jan. 16
		Marrickville	
		Town Hall	
Dundas			
Promenaders	Decem. 20	Decem. 6	Jan. 10
Dundas. Saturday			
Promenaders	Decem. 16	Decem. 16	Jan. 20
Parramatta	Decem 9		Jan. 20

### Walkathon

Our first Walkathon on Saturday, November 25, will be sponsored by the Western Stars with dancers and friends departing from West End State School in small groups from 8.30 a.m. at three minute intervals. Our first "leg" of three and a half miles takes us to the Coorparoo Scouts Hall, and the second, over a similar distance, to Creek Road intersection beyond the Belmont tram terminus. Our third check-point is the Tingalpa Hotel, four miles distant, and finally, five more miles will find us at our destination, the Wynnum wading pool, on the shores of Moreton Bay.

Our "walk" should be completed by about 1.30 p.m. with lunch and a swim to follow for those who wish. At approximately 4 p.m., the return trip to Brisbane will be made either by private cars or the Wynnum bus service.



Walkers are asked to seek sponsors on a "per mile" basis for distance covered, all profits being passed on to the Square Dancing Society of Queensland for vitally needed projects.

So, November is "W" month —Western Stars Walkathon from West End to Wynnum. For entry forms and further details, please telephone either Mr or Mrs Laurie at 4-1383. Help yourselves to greater health and the Society financially, and, at the same time, enjoy a day of 'fun in the sun'. Make it a date—Saturday, November 25. See you there.

# Victorian Jottings

## AND OPENING

WOW! What a night we had on and Ella's on Sunday, December 1. It was the official opening of their lovely big entertainment room. Don Picot called on the Mayor and Press Whyte of the Sunny-side Club to cut a gold ribbon with his set held across the room, and so this lovely room officially opened.

At the height of the evening, seven sets were dancing and many more looking on. Dressed sets had their hats taken, and then they had a grand parade.

It was very nice to see some of the young married folk—like John and Margaret Carr and their two children, and Wendy and her 18-months-old baby.

It was fun to see how the boys have changed since he took his first set to New Zealand back in 1963. Their suits then were very full and pretty, now his very young teenagers have orange and brown mini-skirted dresses and they, too, look very nice. I must admit, being an old girl, I do like the full dresses for square dancing, but must keep with the times. It was very nice to see so many young ones at the Club.

When came supper—what a treat—fit for any king or queen, and as it was Ella's birthday the day before, we were all able to help her celebrate.

When we started dancing with Ron and Ella, there were two or three sets, and we have seen it grow to the great size it is now. Thank you, for so many wonderful memories, and I hope to enjoy many more.

—Kay (Sunnyside, Vic.)

## SUNNYSIDE

At the official opening of the dance room at Ron's was a great success with seventeen sets attending. Ten dressed sets were photographed at 7 p.m. while drinks and sherries were being served.

Bert Hirst again entertained with songs and guitar, and the dancers had a rest on the crowded floor. Ron told us that this new room had been set off as a carport, and grew and grew. Yes, there was a carport on the side that had been taken second place. It came in handy on a hot day for extra seating.

A beautiful supper finished a great night before we headed our way home, tired, but very happy.

Congratulations to Margaret and Bob Wratten on the

arrival of their first grandchild, Helen Margaret.

A group of Sunnysiders recently paid a visit to Box Hill to celebrate their third birthday, and all had a very enjoyable night.

Congratulations to Russell Picot and Pat McLaren on their engagement. They are members of the Ember set. We all wish them all happiness. Recent visitors to the Club were Leila and Bill Fuller from the old Geelong Club. We look forward to seeing them again soon.

The combined picnic at Heatherton again was very successful with all proceeds going towards paying for the Review. Thanks, again, to all callers and clubs who attended.

Party nights: November 11, December 9: Christmas Gala Fancy Dress Night. Party Night.

December 10: Annual Barbecue at Ron Whyte's, Wickham Road, Moorabbin.

Don't forget the Gala New Year's Eve dance. Location is yet to be announced—ring for particulars.

The Sunnyside Club wishes you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year of square dancing.

## HAPPY VALLEY

Our caller, Les Schroder, arrived one week the proud possessor of a new Falcon station wagon. The following week, there he was in a borrowed car. Seems he had a minor mishap with a fellow who wanted to turn right at all costs! Anyway, the car is back again, just like new, and Pat is thanking her lucky stars that she wasn't driving.

Those hot sausage rolls provided by Jean Hall are most welcome at supper time. We also appreciate Joyce and Enid's Danish sandwiches, Val's matches, Hazel's ginger fluff sponge, and of course, you've heard about Ethel's vanilla slices. No, you could not say we stint ourselves at Happy Valley.

Nice to have a visit from Charlie and Edna Batchelor recently. They are off on a well-earned holiday, but sorry to miss Melbourne High this year, as they have been to every other of these gala dances. Date to remember—Our Christmas party, December 16. Christmas tree gifts as usual. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all callers and clubs.

## CAMBERWELL

The minute the National Anthem finishes, a great cry goes up as everyone barracks

their footy team. The volume of this increases in intensity as the season draws to its climax, then becomes muted, but never dies out, until we start all over again. Sometimes we wonder how we would get through the winter if it were not for football and square dancing.

Peter, son of Bid and Syd Neale, is to be married on October 18. Best of good wishes, Peter and Mary.

Lots of fun the other night when Les drew those real old time calls out of the hat. Not too many folk know how to take a Peek into the Kitchen these days! Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 19. Christmas tree gifts as usual.

## ALPHINGTON

Our final dance for the year will be Friday, November 10.

## MELBOURNE HIGH

Many thanks to all those who donated gifts for our ninth Melbourne High night. Les Schroder was ably assisted by Wally Cook, Ron Whyte, Eric Clarke, Bernie Hodson, and Ian Bell. It was very good of Eric to change his Franks-town Club night for our benefit, and Hazel manned the prize table in fine style.

The stage was beautifully decorated for the occasion—this is always a feature of the night. The Himing-Villa School of Dancing presented the Can Can and a Spanish number which were enthusiastically appreciated. Over \$100.00 was raised for the school, and over the years the total is over \$1000.00—all raised through square dancing.

Christmas party nights: Happy Valley, Saturday December 16; Camberwell, Tuesday, December 19.

## ALTONA

On Thursday, September 14, a new weekly dance was opened at the Altona Youth Club hall in Civic Parade, with Barry Atkins and David Hooper as callers. Average attendance to date has been four sets, most of whom come from Altona, Laverton, Newport and Williamstown.

Most are beginners except those from Williamstown who are former members of a club which used to operate in that area some time ago. The dancers are progressing very well and are now dancing to "Woman In Love", "Moonlight Bay" and "Dominique", without too much trouble.

The next party night will be held on November 2, as this issue goes to print, and the Christmas break-up "do" will be on December 14. Re-opening date for '68 will be the third or fourth week of January.

From Altona we extend our best wishes to all for the coming Christmas season, and happy squaring in the New Year.

## VALETTA

The two big events to report upon were our birthday party night and our weekend at Marysville. The party night was a great success, with a large crowd in attendance, plenty of prizes and four guest callers. Ann Rowe and Win Pennington both celebrated their birthdays on the same night with quite a sparkling effect and Ron Gordon's version of Rocky Mountain Dew was magnificent. Merv, Kevin and Joan all added their share to the enjoyment of a great night.

The Marysville weekend, attended by 79 dancers, proved a great success, helped by terrific weather. Forty-seven of the group found their way to the golf course on Sunday morning for some of the most hilarious golf ever seen.

Several new dances were tried out successfully at the Saturday night dance and by time the after dance mad hatters party was finished, everybody was happy to go to bed. The hats were fantastic and the judges, Lucy Coghlan and Saul Cohen, had a most difficult time in selecting two winners before finally selecting Chas Fitch and Margaret Grant. Thanks to everybody for participating and joining in the fun and helping to make the weekend such a WOW!

—Wally Cook

## RINGWOOD

The Youth Centre dance is moving along nicely, with the accent on fun.

The new version of Glory Glory was a riot although it looked for a while as though Natalie Foster had a headlock on David Chatto. Pat and Chris Fitzsimmons are two of our keenest and are usually found at the front of the round-up. With two good-looking fellas like these up the front, there is no difficulty in getting the girls to line up.

Fancy dress night coming up—watch for further details.

## BOX HILL

Our third birthday has gone and we at Mopoke Hollow eagerly look forward to the fourth. You should have been there. Oh, you were? There was such a crowd in our barn that night that we had to take the horses out, left the harness there, though. Sure was a sight with all the gum trees and flowers, all kinds of vegetables and wheels hanging everywhere.

The folks from Sunnyside and Whitehorse, and even

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## Victorian Jottings

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from Seymour came to help us celebrate. There was plenty of entertainment from Marlene and Ailan Droscher who sang for us, and young Graham Hooper played guitar like a pro. Ken Miles surprised everyone with his guitar pickin' and mouth organ playing together. The Checkmates showed us some fancy hoedowning. Ella Whyte and Ken Vosper came up with a fast stepping round dance called Spaghetti Rag. Well, to sum it all up, the night was just right for dancing. The supper went down well — all those lovely sponges disappearing fast. Thanks to you all who helped in getting the night off the ground.

This Club will be running a half-way dance in conjunction with the Seymour Club at Kilmore, on Friday, November 17. Proceeds will be donated to the Square Dance Review.

Christmas party night will be December 19. Once again I have the happy task of wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, and may you all return safely to square dancing.



IF YOU DRINK —  
DON'T DRIVE

If you like a spot of Xmas cheer  
To start you off toward New Year,  
Take a taxi from that party home, then  
You'll get home safe, to dance again.  
Accidents can cause great harm,  
You may lose an eye, or an arm,  
A leg, an ear, nose or hand,  
Then just how can you allemande?  
So, please be careful on the track,  
In the cities, or outback.  
Enjoy your Xmas to the hilt,  
But if you drink, don't drive—  
Or you'll be kilt.  
Square dancing is fun and very dear,  
So save some fun for next year.  
Merry Xmas maybe?  
—Allan Droscher, Box Hill, Vic

# Square Your Sets

(A Round-up of Queensland News)

## BIG NIGHT FEVER

At time of writing, Queensland dancers are eagerly awaiting our big weekend on October 20 and 21. Approximately one hundred adults are expected to attend the Society's first-ever cabaret on Friday, October 21, and the following night, three hundred juniors will pack the Red Cross Recreation Centre, Greenslopes, for the Ninth Annual Sunshine State Round-up. A really big weekend coming up!

## TOOWOOMBA VISIT

The best Carnival of Flowers ever. That's the way Brisbane dancers described this year's visit to Toowoomba. And this huge success was in no small part due to the efforts of the warm, friendly, hospitable Dance Club 66 who hosted the visitors in right, royal fashion. Demonstrations throughout the day and night were followed by a supper dance, and on Sunday, a gardens tour and barbecue climaxed a really great weekend. Our sincere thanks, Toowoomba.

## KEDRON WHIRLWAYS

This brilliantly successful junior club is now in recess until the early New Year and what a wonderful season they have had. With average club attendances of one hundred, the Whirlways demonstrated at Wilston, Ashgrove and Mt. Gravatt during September, as well as on the TV Square Dance Club. Organiser, Miss O'Neill, and headmaster, Mr Tweedy, may feel justly proud of their very fine young group.

## BRISBANE CONVENT SCHOOLS

Junior dancers from the Convent schools of Moolooka Ekebin, Buranda, Kangaroo Point, Apsley, Kedron and Wavell Heights, will be at this year's Roundup in strength, representing the vast number of juniors now active in this State. And, this widespread cover of square dance influence is directly due to the time and efforts of Mrs Dierdre Duncan and several other instructresses throughout the year. Many thanks, Dierdre and friends, for a job really well done.

## ASHGROVE HALLOWEEN

Friday, November 3, will see a vastly transformed S-Bar-S Club at Ashgrove for its fifteenth annual Halloween

party. Entirely new decorations of "ghostly" design will provide suitable atmosphere for this "scare dance" of the year and members and friends are invited to come along masked. There'll be loads of surprises, novelties and fun for all, especially our new members. So make sure you are in the picture.

## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

By now, our calendar of junior championships for 1967 is almost completed and what tremendous interest and excitement they have produced! State junior calling champions, Mary O'Real of Wavell Heights, and Ken Watson, of Western Stars, are to be congratulated, whilst Brisbane junior square dance champions, Moorooka, will soon be competing in the State final. Our best wishes for future dancing fun are extended to all who competed.

## WESTERN STARS ON THE MOVE

The very active Western Stars of West End, gave a polished demonstration last month at the Brisbane Migrant Centre, Yungaburra, with caller, Rodney McLachlan and on Saturday, November 4, are scheduled to appear at the big Spastic Centre Christmas party.

This Club is expected to have over fifty members at the round-up and will host the 1967 Walkathon on Saturday, November 25. Our congratulations and sincere thanks to the organisers, Mr and Mrs Alf Laurie, for another wonderful year of square dance leadership.

## ROARING TWENTIES

It'll be "all aboard" the MV Luana on Saturday, December 9 for a downstream cruise to Bishop Island where a barbecue, dancing and entertainment will keep everyone on their toes. The Roaring Twenties will be the theme for this Christmas party with square dancing to popular tunes of the "twenties" well to the fore.

This group's Wild West night in August was a huge success and another real "whingding" is expected on Bishop Island.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM QUEENSLAND

With another year almost completed, we turn our attention to the festive season, now only weeks away. 1967 has indeed been a wonderful square dance year for Queensland, highlighted, of course, by the record-breaking National Convention over the Easter weekend.

Clubs throughout Australia will soon be staging their Christmas parties with carol singing, prize giving and Christmas trees very much in evidence. Dates have already been set for Ipswich, Saturday, November 25; Holland Park, Thursday, November 30; West End, Saturday, December 2; Coorparoo, Saturday, December 9; Toowoomba, Saturday, December 16 and Ashgrove, Friday, December 22.

And so then, to our summer "offseason" when we relax and prepare ourselves for a big, wonderful square dancing 1968.

Queensland dancers and callers join in extending Christmas greetings to all our interstate and overseas friends and best wishes for a most happy New Year.

## Your Dance Diary

Confirmed Christmas party dates for Queensland clubs are as follow:  
IPSWICH, Saturday, November 25.

HOLLAND PARK, Thursday, November 30.

WEST END, Saturday, December 2.

COORPAROO, Saturday, December 9.

TOOWOOMBA, Saturday, December 16.

ASHGROVE, Friday, December 22.

Clubs will re-open in late January, or early February, 1968.

## Letter to Editor

I would like to thank all those who helped me to enjoy dancing during my recent visit (early September) to Brisbane on business: Graham and Val Rigby for the B-Bar-L fourteenth birthday party; Ivor and Eileen Burge for an American style square dance at the University Club; Elva and Charley Hoppe, Eric and Dot Wendell for a chance to enjoy the Kirra Beach Hotel dance. I can't mention all the names here but club members at all the dances made me welcome and showed me many kindnesses. I was glad to meet Gary Cowan at Kirra Beach Hotel and to dance to his calling. Thank you, Brisbane, for a grand welcome.

—Arthur Schreiber, Happy Valley, Melbourne.

## Kiwi Corner

A square dancer's life is a blissful one, but when a surprise package is dropped into the lap, the square dancer's cup is overflowing.

A conference brought Art Shepherd to Dunedin (you all know what conferences are like—just GO GO GO)—but managed to sandwich in a night of square dancing to the complete enjoyment of Wag-on Wheelers and Hands Across the Sea-ers, including the learner group who really thought all their birthdays had come at once. And were we proud of them! They did everything just right, and really showed plainly how much they enjoyed squaring.

Over the years, the writer has seen learner groups come and go—taking shy, faltering steps into the world of squaring, but not so with this lot—they literally danced their way in.

Art Shepherd's attitude to squaring in general is the most exhilarating and invigorating thing that has happened on the square dance scene in New Zealand. Indisputably, he is a "personality plus" man, with a complete "know-how", but the highlight is his intense interest for the general expansion of squaring with the complete absence of parochialism which seems to stifle the growth of this second-to-none recreation.

A New Zealand-wide revolution in square dancing would not be a pipe dream, or an "LSD" hallucination if square dancers would practise Art's philosophy of encouraging square dancing as a whole.

With Art's drive and enthusiasm, the writer envisages the development of square dancing from "North Cape to the

Bluff in New Zealand" (geographically, top to toe).

Happy squaring, you folks, hope to see some of you Aussies at the Christchurch Convention.

—Carrie Hirt

### JIM DONALDSON'S COUNTRY AND SQUARE DANCE CLUB

By the time these notes appear Christmas will be almost here and thoughts will be of end of year socials and parties. There will be thoughts, too, of appreciation of the support and assistance given by members of this Club who have contributed to the success of this year's new venture. The genuine friendliness and sincerity underlying the happy atmosphere of our dancing portrays the real spirit of square dancing.

This Club has been fortunate in linking up with "Portsmouth Partners" square dance club in Portsmouth, Virginia, USA, under a sister city scheme existing between Dunedin and Portsmouth. In accepting the proposal with pleasure, Bob Landis, the Partners' president writes: "I think that having a sister square dance club is wonderful and I hope that we can get to know each other better as time goes by. I also think that other cities and clubs should promote more of this sister idea. Perhaps if this were done there would be less tension in the world today."

We are looking forward to regular correspondence and exchange of ideas with the Portsmouth Club.

We wish to extend Christmas greetings to our Australian square dance friends.

### MARION

On Saturday, November 25, a complete beginners' night will be held in the Mormon Church, Marion, commencing at 8 p.m. More information from Brian Townsend.

### SOUTHERN CROSS

Our dinner-square dance will be held on November 29 and all those wishing to attend are advised to hand in their names before November 22. It is essential that I have a definite number because of the catering arrangements, so whatever you do, don't miss out.

By the time this comes out in print the festive season will be almost upon us and we will have to start thinking of our Christmas break-up. If you have any ideas, please let our committee know about them. They will be welcomed.

Wedding bells will ring next month for Barbara Booth and Roger Weaver and Marilyn Buckby and Ron Cocks. Congratulations are extended to both couples and our best wishes for a very happy future.

The learners have progressed steadily and next year should be able to come to our regular Thursday Club.

The Elizabeth Club is contemplating a change of halls in the hope of attracting more people and it is to be hoped that the move proves successful.

I wish to thank all members for their support over the past year and let's hope that 1968 will be even brighter than 1967.

— Allan Frost

### WALKERVILLE

With the winter months passing by, we find our numbers here seem to have decreased a little as they seem to do at this time every year.

For this reason we are about to put a new idea to trial. As from October 30, our Happy Medium dance will be held fortnightly instead of each week. On the alternate Mondays commencing on November 6, a complete beginners' class will commence in the hope of building up numbers in our Club.

I hope that the people who attend every week will continue to do so. It will mean that one week you will be doing Happy Medium and the other week you'll be helping out (we hope) with learners.

This year instead of having our Club dinner away it will be held in the hall in smorgasbord style. It will be held on Monday, December 18 and those who have attended regularly through the year are asked to register their names by November 20, or they may be liable for a charge. Our Christmas party might well follow on from the Club dinner. Val and I would like to extend compliments of the season to all our friends and thank everyone for their support in 1967.

Brian Townsend

### TOOPERANG

This country town about 50 miles from Adelaide is staging a Country and Western barn dance on Saturday, November 18. There will also be a hayride. Any folk from the city who can attend will be made most welcome. Directions from Brian Townsend.

## Tasmanian Topics

### BURNIE

A Country and Western Night in the Burnie Theatre Ponderosa is planned for Friday night, November 10. Dancing 8-9.30, then items by local and imported country-style artists, vocalists, etc., interspersed with brackets of dancing, square, round, barn and old time, until 11.45 p.m.

Supper, country-style — hot dogs, barbecued steaks, coffee, etc, will be available continuously. Parties and groups will be urged to 'book a nook.'

Up to two sets of Burnie Club regularly attend Graeme Whiteley's Club at Kindred each fortnight. Both clubs plan to continue the season

during summer with a short break over the festive season. At least one set comprising Burnie and Kindred members will be travelling to Newcastle next year for the Convention.

### TURNER'S BEACH

Dancers from all northern Tasmania are looking forward to a barbecue-square dance night to be held on October 21.

### LAUNCESTON

We were pleased to have Athol Perry of Forth dancing with us on a couple of occasions recently. Seeing Athol made the 150-odd mile trip on his own, we are wondering "who" is the attraction. How-

ever, it was very nice to have him with us.

You can't keep a good square dancer down, especially when it applies to Peggy Knight. She was out of hospital before most folk knew she was in and back with us on the square dance floor the very next week.

The grey hairs we got from worrying over the demonstration to be danced at Bracknell were needless when the club took charge of a 50/50 square dance/old time dance evening there recently. Even a very slippery floor only added incentive to keep them on their toes, and they put on a very creditable display.

We are taking part in a

country and western night organised by the Lutheran Youth Group on November 3, and are giving a display at the George Town Good Neighbour Council social on November 11. On November 14, we give a display at the National Theatre, and November 25 is the Club Christmas dinner outing at the Hotel Tasmania.

Our Christmas party will be held at Heather Hall on Wednesday, November 13, after which we will have a break for two weeks and reopen for 1968 on January 3.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and all the best for 1968.

—Shirley Casbault.

# Square Whirl

Editor's Note: Our apologies to the clubs who were left out last month by the co-ordinating editor because of lack of space in the magazine.

## BELMORE

Please take particular notice that the usual monthly Belmore Club Saturday night dance, November 18, will not be held at the usual hall in Lark Street, Belmore. Dancers please note that we are transferring to a combined night with Tom McGrath's Promenaders Club at the Strathfield Town Hall. The following month we will be back at our own location at Belmore Scouts Hall.

Although lacking in numbers on our party night in September, things went merrily on. Everybody had a most enjoyable time — cakes and ice cream galore, and everybody, I think, received a prize of some kind. Ron Jones dug to the bottom of the barrel with dances of yesteryear which were very refreshing to the long-standing members of the Club. In fact, I think he moved the barrel and got some from underneath, it.

## GREENWICH PROMENADERS

Our VIP visitor in September was Brian Hotchkies. He gave us some wonderful calls.

This month we visited Newcastle for the 6-Hour weekend. Had a wonderful time, both before, during and after the dances. There were 33 of us at the same motel we have booked for the convention. It was worth the trip just to see the Duke of Gaylord come to dinner on Sunday eve. Oh, yes, the fishermen went out. It took four of them to haul in a toad fish. Bill ("the life of party") Matt claims the Newcastle lemonade is stronger than Sydney's. They mix it in the kilns, Bill.

This month we were visited by Arthur, Val and Jane Steele of the Wheeling Eight Club in Brisbane. Jane had to be taken to the North Shore Hospital to have her appendix out. She is fine, now—they are a nice family, the Steeles. Please come back and finish your dance some day.

Next big stop, Marrickville Town Hall, December 6. A happy Christmas and a happy New Year to all of you.

## CIRCLE 8—LAKEMBA

We were pleased to see Betty and Geoff Wilson during the month and expect to see several of the other members of Roy Whyte's Sunnyside Club in the near future now that the warmer weather is approaching and the holiday season is commencing.

It was a very happy occasion early in October when the members gathered in force to wish health and happiness to Phyllis Farnell and Rex Marden on the eve of their marriage. Both are original members of the Club and are a very popular couple. Bob Woodcock on behalf of the Club asked them to accept a nest of tables as a memento of the occasion. Among those present was Alice Thompson who is making good progress and hopes to be able to discard the crutches in a week or two. However, she won't be dancing before the New Year.

As another year draws to a close, Circle 8 members wish all dancers a very happy Christmas and many hours of happy dancing in 1968.

## ALLEMANDERS

The Allemanders were very happy to have a visit from the Greenwich Promenaders on August 7. Thank you for coming. We will be visiting you next year.

Fred Kafer cut his leg and it has kept him from square dancing for over two months. Fred and Lorna, Margaret and Tom have also been missed and we hope they will soon be back dancing with us again.

Marge Hislop has been on the sick list and let us hope our sickness troubles will soon be over. Always nice to see our regular visitors, Arthur and Lou, Allan Fell, Joan, Noelene, to mention a few.

We started beginners on October 2, and anyone who would like to dance with the middle and young married, please contact Geo. Bell, 86-5144.

We visited the Circle 8 on October 10.

Xmas party night, our last one for 1967, will be December 4. Happy Christmas to all square dancers from the Allemanders.

Put this date in your diary: Allemanders' Car Trial, Sunday, March 24. Come and join us.

Our Club is bouncing these days. We have a terrific group of beginners. They all have the usual Promenaders smile.

We had a good showing of Promenaders at the Australia square dance on Saturday, October 6. Now we are all looking forward to the big night at Marrickville on Wednesday, December 6.

Our round dance class from 7.30 to 8.00 seems to grow a few couples every week until now we have the first bracket of square dancing at 8 p.m. with over four squares in the hall, and by the time of the first beginner bracket, the hall

is just a sea of happy faces. A good number of our regular advanced dancers belong to teams who will take part in the second annual Festival of Dance on November 24.

Good luck to all of you. The Dundas Promenaders wish all fellow square dancers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## PUNCHBOWL WAGON WHEELS

All of our teams are training hard for the second annual Festival of Dance at Lane Cove Town Hall on Friday, November 24. We are all looking forward to this big night which is followed two weeks later with the big Christmas night at Marrickville Town Hall on Wednesday, December 6.

Ron is bringing our beginners along very smoothly and quickly. Quite a few of our members enjoyed the holiday weekend in Newcastle. Just ask about their beautiful swimming pool.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our friends from the Wagon Wheels, Punchbowl.

The Marrickville railway station is just 400 yards from the hall, and the Earlwood bus 423 and the Dulwich Hill bus 426 from the Quay go past the hall—that's the Marrickville Hall.

## DUNDAS SATURDAY PROMENADERS

Last month's dance was the best we have ever had. Several new couples joined us in learning the grand spin and the ring-a-ding-ding.

The Promenaders were well represented at Newcastle and just about every place else this month.

For the information of any visitors in November, we will not be in our usual hall but will be in the Dundas Hall on third Saturday in December, and as this will be the last Saturday night this year, we will make it a big one.

Birthdays this month — Heather Colley and Sandra Fekings.

The hall is booked for a big New Year's Eve dance. All we have to know for sure is that we can have a dance on a Sunday night this year.

Riddle me this. Who has a new swimming pool? Who never stops talking? Who is buying cigars for March? What will happen on December 24?

Deadline for NSW, January 7, 1968 and Diary Dollars.

Once again may we refer you to the August issue of the Square Dance Review.

Be early with your applications and help your Ninth Convention Committee get on with the job.

## Ninth National Square Dance Convention Newcastle, June 1968

May we reiterate and try not to bore you with this month's report but there are a few items we wish to repeat. The Convention Committee is very busy organizing the various preliminaries and we are happy to report that most of these have been finalized.

Our Lucky Registration Numbers for this month are as follows:

4 — Registration No. 22 — Arthur Scheiber, 71 Coolangatta Road, Camberwell. 3124.

5 — Registration No. 26 — Joyce Sampson, New Line Road, Pennant Hills. 2120.

6 — Registration No. 55 — Bill Mathews, 66 Helen Street, Lane Cove. 2066.

Our congratulations to the above winners and as there are only four more tickets to be won, we advise you to fill in your registration form and post to our secretary, together with your remittance, at your very earliest.

Registration forms and accommodation applications were printed in the August issue of the "Review." However, if this particular Review has been mislaid all we require is your name and address, mode of travel, whether you require transport whilst in Newcastle and your choice of activities, Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Discussions or any other preference.

If it is the case of a party, please list names of all members and whether Mr., Mrs. Miss, Motel and Hotel accommodation is still available but you would be well advised to book early with Jayes Travel Service, 285 Hunter St., Newcastle. 2300. They will arrange both your travel and accommodation bookings, but do not forget to enclose your \$5 deposit.

The committee is pleased with the response to the essay competition being conducted and to refresh your memory, the title of this essay is "How I Would Run A Convention." All you need do is to compose a letter with your ideas on this subject and it may win for you two free convention tickets. Post your entries to Angus Cook not later than end of January, 1968. Winner's name will be published in the April issue of the Review.

## N.S.W. SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY SPECIAL NOTICE

The winner of the Basket raffled off at Australia Square on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1967, was A. WILSON.  
All money raised went to the Float Fund.

### LOST — ADDRESS BOOK

LOST, by ROY WELCH, red address book, possibly at Gosford Dance.

### GET YOUR APPLICATION FORMS

Get your applications in to the Secretary for the Bundanoon Weekend NOW!

Box 1430 G.P.O., Sydney. 2001

N. S. W.

### Xmas Party Night on Saty., Novem. 25

DUNDAS DOCEY DOE SQUARE DANCE CLUB'S

TOWN HALL — MARSDEN ROAD

EVERYBODY WELCOME. PRIZES. SURPRISES  
BASKET SUPPER CALLER: BEV PICKWORTH  
TEA PROVIDED ENQ.: 78-4166

### 1968 Convention

Would YOU like to come as our guest? Send your registration form NOW (with \$4.50) and YOU could win a FREE TICKET.

### 1968 Convention

Would YOU like to receive TWO free tickets? Then Write a letter NOW to

ANGUS COOK, 153 GRINSELL STREET, KOTARA,  
on "HOW I WOULD RUN A CONVENTION"

### 1968 Convention

On Saturday afternoon, JUNE 8, there will be three hours non-stop Round Dancing.

START PRACTISING NOW!

### 1968 Convention

STILL plenty of hotel and motel accommodation available in Newcastle, but there is a Bowls and Hockey Carnival at the same time as our Convention.

We suggest you book NOW through Jayes' Travel Service, 285 Hunter Street, Newcastle. (No extra charge to you for this service).

## THE NEW SOUTH WALES CALLERS' COMMITTEE

WILL PRESENT

# The Second Annual Festival of Square Dancing

in the LANE COVE TOWN HALL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7.30 p.m.

GENERAL AND COMPETITION DANCING. Something for everyone.

BASKET SUPPER. :: ADMISSION: 60 cents.

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## SECOND MONSTER XMAS PARTY NIGHT

OF THE  
Combined Bexlev North, Miranda and Riverwood Clubs  
ROCKDALE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1967

BASKET SUPPER  
CALLERS — ARTHUR, BEV,  
BILL and FRANK

## 9th National Square Dance Convention NEWCASTLE

7th, 8th, 9th, 10th JUNE, 1968

Would you like to win two FREE Convention Tickets?  
This is what you do . . . . .

Write a letter expressing your views and ideas on  
"HOW I WOULD RUN A CONVENTION"

### "How I Would Run a Convention"

Address your letter to Angus Cook, 153 Grinsell Street,  
KOTARA. 2288

Refer to the August issue of the "REVIEW" for further  
details

SEND YOUR ENTRY IN NOW