

SOUTH PACIFIC SQUARE DANCE REVIEW

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OF
COUNTRY-
WESTERN
DANCING

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- ★ New Zealand, Papua the Fiji Islands.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

Your Newcastle Committee has waited two years for the opportunity to welcome you to Newcastle, "The City of Enterprise," and Australia's greatest Square Dance event.

As the Ninth is planned with you in mind, careful consideration has been given to the selection of callers, dancers (squares and rounds), panels and discussions which are part of this wonderful activity of ours. We can assure you of a fabulous weekend.

If time permits, we suggest you visit our beauty spots, tour the Hunter Valley, journey to the glorious waterways of Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens, see the industrial complex of Australia's sixth largest city.

During this month you will receive your Convention Souvenir programme and your name identification badge. As we have decided to eliminate the issue of tickets (which will save you — and us — unnecessary time) it will be essential that you wear this badge at all times. **THESE BADGES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.** As some dancers have failed to furnish their christian names, it will be necessary for those people to write in their own name on the badge.

With the programme we have enclosed a "work sheet" of activities; this will save wear and tear of your souvenir programme. On perusing the programme you will note that there are some very important agenda items to discuss during the Sunday morning and to avoid time-wasting we commend your attention to the two main points:

1. The National Square Dancing Convention Constitution;
2. Should National Conventions be self-supporting?

Your area leaders have been specially asked to discuss these matters with you, so if you have any ideas of your own would you please formulate a policy with your leader? You may then appoint a spokesman to represent your area when these items are up for discussion.

From the application forms received and the information gained from these forms, it has been decided that buses will not be provided for transport whilst you are in Newcastle. We request you to write to our Secretary prior to June 1 if you WILL require transport from plane or train to your accommodation and/or from accommodation to the Police Boys' Club. We require your means of travel, time of arrival and disembarkation point. Our team of Public Relations dancers will provide private car transport for these dancers.

As you are probably aware, the Convention officially closes on Sunday evening, but for those who stop over on Monday the young adults of our committee have arranged a dance and picnic at Warners Bay Community Hall. Lunches will be available from buffet vans provided by Newcastle firms. A small charge for admission and lunch will be levied.

As the June issue of the "REVIEW" would probably not reach you prior to the Convention, this is our last communique, so, should any query arise do not hesitate to write to our Secretary.

Come a-swinging to Newcastle in June.

REVIEW — "ONE OF THE BEST"

For many years we have been critical of the Square Dance Review, of its news items, club news, editorship and printing. Most certainly, all facets of the Review could be improved upon if we spent more money and the voluntary workers could spend more time on the preparation. However, this can probably be said of any square dance magazine.

So it comes as very heartening news when Bob Osgood, editor of the American square

dance magazine "Sets In Order", and one of the leading authorities in the world on square dancing, had this to say of the "Review" on his recent visit to Australia:

"Every month we receive hundreds of square dance magazines from all over the world. Let me say this — we always enjoy reading the 'South Pacific Square Dance Review'. We regard your magazine as one of the best and most interesting we receive."

MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE TO AMERICAN TOUR

Bookings for the tour to the 1969 American Square Dance Convention opened on April 1 and up to time of writing this article firm bookings had already been received for over half the passages available. It would appear that by the closing time (June 15 this year) there will be a waiting list.

Following a meeting held in Sydney in March, where those present selected the tour most acceptable, details were prepared and sent out to those who had signified their interest.

Any person who has not received details is advised to write to Jim White, 26 Osborne Road, Lane Cove, New South Wales, 2066, as soon as possible, otherwise they may miss out. At the present moment it is intended to limit the number to 36. Should this number be exceeded, numbers will be accepted for a second contingent. The minimum number would be 64 in this case. Firm bookings are only accepted on receipt of \$100 deposit.

Bookings are not restricted to couples. Single people of any sex are accepted. Non-square dancers will be accepted provided they join a recog-

nised square dance society.

An interesting feature is that almost as many Melbourne dancers have booked as Sydney dancers. No bookings have yet been received from Brisbane or Adelaide. One caller, Ron Jones, has already decided to go and advice has been received that at least one Melbourne caller is giving serious consideration to going.

BUNDANOON

Another wonderful weekend away to Bundanoon has passed into history. Everyone had a marvellous time. The dress sets were in fantastic form. 271 people passed through the door for the big night on Saturday. Bill Sweetman did a fantastic job of running the dance.

The results of the competition were:—

- Gold: 1, Starlighters; 2, Hay Riders; 3, Ramblers.
- Silver: 1, Shiralee; 2, Silhouettes; 3, Dixie Stars.
- Bronze: 1, Silhouettes; 2, Shiralees; 3, Sundowners.
- Seniors: 1, Circle 8; 2, Susi Q's.

EDITORS

Information re square dancing should be obtained from your State Editor, as follows:

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ROUND DANCE FOR CONVENTION

The round dances to be used at the National Convention will be selected from the following list:

"Alabama Waltz", "Champagne Time", "Fraulein", "Fantasy", "Getting to Know You", "I Miss My Swiss", "Kon Tiki", "Left Footers' One-Step", "Mexicali Rose", "Manita Waltz", "Marie", "Pearly Shells", "Sly Old Two-Step", "St. Bernard's Waltz", "Silver Dollar", "Tammy" and "Tango Manita".

N.S.W.

ALLEMANDERS' CAR TRIAL
SUNDAY, MAY 19

TO START AT 8.30 — 10 A.M.
from

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Prizes

N.S.W. COMING EVENTS FOR 1968

FRIDAY TO MONDAY, JUNE 7, 8, 9:

NATIONAL CONVENTION at Newcastle.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29:

Annual Ball. Paddington Town Hall. Tickets.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31:

Square Dance Cabaret Night. Admission by ticket only.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

"Hands Across the Sea" Dance for American visitors.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF DANCE.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30:

PROMENADERS, Dundas Town Hall. Round-Up.

N.S.W.

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N.S.W.

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21st May, 1968

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N.S.W.

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TEA PROVIDED.
Caller: BEV. PICKWORTH

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY
OF N.S.W.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED:

President: ROY PETTY.

Senior Vice-President: LAURIE SPAULDING.

Vice-President: GEOFF GOW.

Vice-President: ROGER FREESTONE.

Country Vice-President: FRANK O'MARA.

Secretary: ROSS SINCLAIR.

Treasurer: DON CRANE.

Publicity Manager: BILL MATTHEW.

Public Relations Manager: JIM WHITE.

Publications Manager: GRAHAM J. ROBINSON.

A vote of thanks was given to all outgoing executive members for their efforts on behalf of the Society for the past year.

A motion that a vote of confidence by the Society be given to the two N.S.W. Callers, Tom McGrath and Bev. Pickworth on their handling of the M.C. duties for the combined American visit and Alan Blackwell Night, held at the Lane Cove Town Hall on Friday, March 22, 1968, was carried unanimously.

The new membership fee is set at 40 cents per person; 80 cents for callers, \$1.00 for combined membership and individual mailing fees of the magazine.

Tickets will be sold to all major Society functions and admission will be by ticket only.

A motion was proposed and passed that the Cabaret Night to be held in November be limited to 250 Square Dancers. Tickets to be issued on a partner basis.

Americans Impressed By Demonstration Sq. VISITORS TO

On the Saturday night of their visit to Sydney, Bob Osgood and Bob Van Antwerp made a short visit to the Parade Ballroom, Lidcombe, to see a demonstration of the Sydney exhibition dancers.

Both callers were very impressed. This sort of demonstration square dancing is not used in America. Both had reservations concerning the competition element; however, it was explained that this did not affect the clubs.

In thanking the dancers for

the demonstration, Bob Osgood said he was really enthralled at the exhibition, and wished that the dancers in America could see it. He suggested that a demonstration square would be a great hit at the 1969 Convention, and wondered if there was some way in which we could get a square of the younger ones there. He said that if some sort of fund-raising was commenced to take a square to America he would like to contribute.

KIWI CORNER

Isn't it good to have the clubs rolling?

The 1968 Learners' Group ushered in with great success — there is always the happy atmosphere of complete enjoyment in Learners' Sessions — all Square Dancers have experienced the hilarious moments when people suddenly become aware (and some not quite so aware) of their lefts and rights, which leads to the ability to laugh WITH people not AT them, and so on to the ultimate goal of a successful club.

Grateful thanks to the Dundas Club (per favour of Jim White, Tom McGrath and Betty Johnston) in entertaining Fred Haslam; he did enjoy the night.

We would do the same for any of you who come to Dunedin; we do love visitors.

Had a farewell night for Doreen Haslam (wife of the said Fred) who is off to England on a trip — duly armed with Square Dance addresses. Square Dancing must be one of the top-flight international friendship mixers.

Are we expanding in New Zealand! A forecast, last year suggested Art and Blanche Shepherd would have the whole of New Zealand squaring. Well, the indications are we (do forgive the "we," but we do like to feel we belong) but to be strictly honest — Art is on his way in no uncertain manner. Two Groups, and by the time this reaches the press, could be more — are really going in Auckland, where there is a terrific potential.

One Auckland enthusiast made the foul suggestion that Art and Blanche move to Auckland. Can you imagine a more ghastly chilling thought!

On the local Christchurch front, clubs are operating on each night of the week with memberships totalling hun-

dreds.

We are, indeed, watching the Square Dance success story being written. Most sincere congratulations to Art and Blanche — it must be extremely gratifying to them — and a fitting, well deserved reward for their efforts.

We are, at the moment, keenly awaiting the American visit — meeting old friends and making new ones. Isn't it going to be fun reviving memories of the visit per favour of South Pacific Review, at a later date.

—Carrie Hirt.

Perhaps the main topic at this time will be the visit of the American Square Dance party with Bob and Becky Osgood and Bob and Roberta van Antwerp. Twenty-two of our members travelled to Christchurch to have the pleasure of meeting and dancing with the tourists. This proved to be the most momentous occasion of our square dancing lives. Everyone was thrilled to meet the friendly folk and dance with them and some warm friendships developed in the short time that was available.

It was a real pleasure to meet people with whom we had contacted previously and who were till then only a name.

Dancing to the calling of the two Bobs was a great experience and they really justify the reputation that preceded them. Square Dancing is a wonderful pastime when one meets people of similar interests who do not count square dancing as their only interest, but who subscribe to the broader field of friendship which is of great importance.

Our girls with their new dresses were very impressive, and drew some envious comments from a number of the American tourists.

Other events forthcoming

THE WEST

Over the past few months there have been several eastern States visiting dancers in W.A., but owing to lack of correct information and wrong telephone numbers, we have not known of their visit until too late. Now, we are more disappointed at this state of affairs than you are. We are sorry that this has happened because we do want you to join us when you come over here, and give you a real good sample of our hospitality which we think is unsurpassed anywhere. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience and disappointment you people must have felt when you could not make contact with us. However, we are not entirely to blame. For instance, a month ago, a couple called on a certain gentleman over here who kindly gave them all particulars on how to get to our dance, but didn't bother to ring me first and check his statements — we were still in recess at this particular dance (Saturday night). Had I been contacted I could have told them the situation and directed them to our Thursday night dance. A fortnight ago, another gentleman rang a certain number and asked for me, and was informed — sorry, nobody by that name here. Now this particular number was deleted from the Review nine months ago.

So visitors, please check your information at the Review and get particulars before you leave. That way we can assure you that contact will be made. If you wish you may write to me personally, two or three weeks before, and I will answer your mail and you can be assured that you will not only be met on arrival here, but will also be escorted to and from the dances, and we ensure that you will have an unforgettable time during your stay in the West. My address can be obtained from the offices of the Review, and Ed. please note: I will write my address and phone number below, or if you contact Les Hitchen or Lucky Newton of the Rose Bay Club, on 32-5031, I am certain that either of these gentlemen will oblige with all the details you'll need.

(Thanks, Lucky and Les).

— Les Johnson

MELBOURNE SHOWS A HEARTY WELCOME TO AMERICAN VISITORS

Ron and Ella Whyte, with some of the Vic. callers and their wives, met and entertained Bob and Becky Osgood and their group on Sunday to an informal barbeque at their home in Moorabbin. Unfortunately Bob Van Antwerp was too ill to attend; however, a very pleasant evening was had by everyone present.

Then on Monday night everyone turned up most enthusiastically for the big night in the Moorabbin Town Hall to welcome the American visitors to one of the best nights of square dancing that Melbourne has experienced for a very long time.

The visitors were met in the foyer of the hall, then escorted upstairs to the ballroom to receive a very hearty Victorian welcome. From then on, dancing was non-stop, and so were the tongues. A bit of tie-swapping went on amongst the men; even some of the callers scored some lovely ties from our visitors.

Everyone enjoyed the calling of Bob Osgood and Bob Van Antwerp. It was wonderful to dance to them and to meet them in person. We would have liked to have heard more of them, but, as always, all good things come to an end.

As the evening drew to a close, a small presentation was made to Bob and Becky, and Roberta and Bob, from the square dancers of Melbourne. When all the farewells were said, the "Star Spangled Banner" was played; it was a very moving moment. The Vic. dancers then formed a guard of honour and sang "Auld Lang Syne" as the visitors were escorted to their buses by the callers and their wives. It was a wonderful night and we will never forget the warm friendship and lasting memories we will all have of this visit.

Special thank you to all callers, their wives, and those dancers who attended and assisted in every way possible to make this week-end such a success. To Jack Rogers, who did a wonderful job with the sound system. Bob Osgood said he had been in many halls and had never heard better sound. The sound system and equipment were first-class.

and important to the life of the club are the Easter week-end camp at Queenstown, when nearly all our members will be present and dancing will be enjoyed on two evenings as the result of the kind-

ness of a farmer who has offered the use of his shearing shed, and our first anniversary party, also amalgamation night when our learners take the next step and join the parent club.

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: Waggon Wheel. Ron Jones. Old R.S.L. Hall, Rossmore Avenue. 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. 50-9208.

TUESDAY:
NEWCASTLE: B-Bar-H. Garden Suburbs Community Hall, Prospect Rd. Brian Hotchkies. 68-4075.

GREENWICH (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Community Centre, Greenwicks Road. 85-3821.

ROSE BAY: Blue Pacific. Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen, Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road. 30-5075.

WEDNESDAY:
WHITEBRIDGE: GROUP: Henk Johanssen. Fortnightly. Community Hall, Conus Avenue, Whitebridge. 57-2771.

DUNDAS (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Town Hall, Dundas, Marsden Road. 85-3821.

KINGSGROVE: (B). John Blackwood. Scout Hall, Kingsgrove (near Grore Inn). 789-1663.

THURSDAY:
BEXLEY NORTH: Wanderers. Roy Etherington Catholic Hall, Bexley Road. 57-5415.

RIVERWOOD: Riversiders (Bev Pickworth, Bill Sweetman). Scout Hall, Bond's Road (rear of Total Service Station). 602-5427, 78-4166.

RHODES: Round Dancing. Avis and Jack Nimmo. 3rd Thursday. Sea Scouts Hall, Ryde Bridge. 632-6685.

GARDEN SUBURBS: (B) Brian Hotchkies (68-4075), Prospect Rd., Garden Suburbs.

FRIDAY:
EASTWOOD: (B). Jim Allan & Paul Johnson. Eastwood Town Hall, Agincourt Road, Marsfield. 89-1142.

NEWCASTLE: Henk Johannessen. Transport Hall, Hamilton. 41-933.

MIRANDA: Round Dancing (Illawarras). Second Friday of month. Kindergarten Hall (opp. station). 524-3665. Mabs and Pat Bourke.

COLLARROY PLATEAU: Len Woodhead. Progress Hall, Hall Avenue. 431-205.

NEWPORT BEACH (B): Newport Surf Club. Roy Welch, 50-9208.

GEMS: Allan Thomas. East Ward Progress Association Hall, Alfred Road, Chipping Norton, near Milperra. Beginners and inter.

SATURDAY:
BELMORE: 3rd Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. 759-5330.

BELMORE (Square & Round): (A) Bev Pickworth and Avis and Jack

Nimmo. Second Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. 632-6685, 78-4166.

BEXLEY NORTH: Wanderers. Thursday night, Scout Hall, Shackel Ave., Clempton Park. Beginners welcome. 57-5415.

BELMORE: (A). First Saturday. Bev Pickworth and Bill Sweetman. Scout Hall, Park Street. 602-5427, 78-4166.

BELMORE (A) RAMBLERS: Ron Jones. Fourth Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. 70-7118.

DUNDAS (A) (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Third Saturday, Town Hall, Marsden Road. 85-3821.

DUNDAS (Docey Doe): Bev. Pickworth, 4th Sat'day, Town Hall. 78-4166.

NEWCASTLE: 'Surfside Eight' Club. Merewether. Esmae Edman. 632170.

NEWCASTLE: Westerners. 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.

SUNDAY

RIVERWOOD: (B). Round Dance Workshop, 4th Sunday, Scout Hall, Bond's Rd., 7.30 p.m. Bev Pickworth, Avis and Jack Nimmo. 78-4166 and 632-6685.

Canberra, A.C.T.

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

Queensland

TUESDAY — MILTON: (Wheeling Eights) Round Dance classes. Elva Hoppe and Arthur Page. Fortnightly 71-2932.

WEDNESDAY — KIRRA: Kirra Beach Hotel, Gold Coast. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

THURSDAY — INALA: (Serviceton Swingers) Serviceton State School, Inala Avenue. Fortnightly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

KEDRON: * (Kedron Whirlaways) Church of England Hall, Kedron. Fortnightly. Junior. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

MILTON B: (Wheeling Eights). Fortnightly. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

FRIDAY — ASHGROVE: (S-BAR-B) St. Barnabas' Hall, (tram stop 12). Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

SATURDAY — COORPAROO (Cross-Trail Twirlers) Scout Hall, Cavendish Road. Fortnightly. Johnny Wilkinson.

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

MILTON: A (Wheeling Eights) Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

MOOROOKA: * Convent School. Fortnightly. (afternoon, 1-4 p.m.) Junior. Bruce Davies. C/- 47-1887.

St. LUCIA: * (University) Club dancing and basic nights on alternate weeks. Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

TOOWOOMBA — (Dance Club '66) YWCA Hall, Laurel Bank. Monthly. (Second Sat.) Bill McHardy and Don Proelochs. T'wmba 52-155.

WEST END: (Western Stars) State School. Open. Fortnightly. Graham Rigby. 4-1383.

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CALLER — TOM McGRATH

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Hunter District Square Dance Committee

Office bearers elected for 1968:—

- President, Bill Fulton.
- Secretary, Mick McCauley.
- Treasurer, Russ Steel.

PROPOSED PLANS

To arrange our annual Half Way Dance with all Sydney dancers as soon as a suitable hall can be obtained.

To finalise plans for a bus trip to Gloucester on Sunday, 5th May.

To examine the possibility of establishing a constitution for this committee.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13th May, at Charlestown Centre.

THE WHITEBRIDGE GROUP

We were all sorry to hear of the car accident in which Don McInnes and Suzan Compton were involved and are pleased to report that their injuries were not quite as serious as first reported.

Claude McDonald now reports himself 102 per cent fit after his recent operation. His speedy return to good health was assisted by KIM'S extra care, love and understanding and kindness.

Our "Back To Old Whitebridge Night" was an outstanding success and it was good to see so many of our original members rejoining us for this function.

Do Newcastle dancers enjoy ROUND DANCING?

Come out to Whitebridge Hall any second Wednesday night between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. and you will be surprised how many people are interested in learning. Square dancing starts at 8 p.m.

All members of our GROUP who visited Sydney on 22nd March for the special Americans' Dance voted it to be FANTABULOUS.

Victoria

MONDAY:
MOORABBIN: Younger Set. Ron Whyte. 265 Wickham Road. 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.

MORRABIN: Ron Whyte (B). 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.

WEDNESDAY:
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte, 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.

BENTLEIGH CLUB *Wally Cook. Monthly. 24-5518.

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

BOX HILL: Ron Mennie. Private. Beginners. 88-4834.

ALTONA: Barry Atkins, David Hooper. Youth Club. Civic Parade.

FRANKSTON: Eric Clarke. Fortnightly. Balcombe Street. 783-2792.

FRIDAY:
BRIGHTON: Wally Cook (Teenagers). Congregational Hall. Monthly. Phone 24-5518.

RINGWOOD: Wally Cook. Youth Centre. 24-5518. Monthly.

SEYMOUR: Ron Mennie. Church of Christ Hall. 88-4834.

ALPHINGTON YOUTH CLUB: Heidelberg Road. Les Schroder. May 24. Every four weeks. Beginners welcome. 69-4921

SATURDAY:
CAULFIELD: Sunnyside. Ron Whyte. Bowling Club, Queen's Avenue. 95-1496.

WILLISON: (Happy Valley). Les Schroder. Scout Hall, Fordham Avenue. 69-4921.

BOX HILL NORTH: Jack Murphy. Presbyterian Church. Harrison St. 1st Saturday. 89-6971.

BOX HILL: Jack Murphy. 3rd Saturday. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, White Horse Road. 89-6971.

SUNDAY
DANDENONG: St. Mary's Catholic Hall, corner Foster and Langhorne Streets. Alternate Sundays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.

South Australia

MONDAY:
WALKERVILLE: Weekly. Semi-advanced. Druids Hall, corner Main North East Road and Cassie Street, Walkerville. Bus stop 12. Brian Townsend. 51-3559.

KURRALTA: Reserve Park Hall, Allchurch Avenue. (Beginners). — Allan Frost. 65-1351. Weekly.

THURSDAY:
PLYMPTON: R.S.L. Hall, Long St. Weekly. (Advanced). Allan Frost. 65-1351.

Western Australia

THURSDAY:
CARLISLE SQUARE DANCE: RSL Hall (opp. Railway Station. Les Johnson. 74-6297.

SATURDAY
WHITE GUM VALLEY SQUARE DANCE. Cnr. Nannine Ave. and Stephen Street, White Gum Valley. Les Johnson (74-6297) David Rintel (60-3459).

SUNDAY:
WEEKLY: Teens and 20's Beginners Druids Hall, corner Main North East Road and Cassie Street, Walkerville. Bus stop 12. Brian Townsend. 51-3559.

Tasmania

BURNIE
Monday and Friday, Texas Stars, APPM Services Building, Marine Terrace. Don Grant and Max Youd. (Sec. 35-1254)

KINDRED
Alternate Wednesdays, Kindred Hall, Graeme Whiteley. Phone Forth 28-2117.

FORTH
Alternate Saturdays, Forth Hall. Trevor Cullen.

LAUNCESTON
Wednesdays, Heather Hall, Penquite Road, Newstead. 31-1563.

New Zealand

MONDAY
RICCARTON (B). Methodist Church Hall, Clarence Street. 8 to 10.30 p.m.
RANGIORA. Celtic Hall, Ray Gardiner. Phone Rang. 593. 8 to 10.30 p.m.

TUESDAY
CHRISTCHURCH (B) Whirlaways. Scout Hall (rear of 277 Stanmore Road). 85-8183. 8.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Linwood Avenue Primary School, Beginners. Art Shepherd. 7.30 to 10 p.m. Phone 885-675.

WEDNESDAY
CHRISTCHURCH. Whirlaways. Scout Hall (rear 277 Stanmore Road). 85-8183. 8.30 to 10.30 p.m.

CHRISTCHURCH:
Banks Ave. Twirlers, Club Level. Art Shepherd. 8 to 10.30 p.m. Phone 885-675.

DUNEDIN: Wagon Wheel. St. Clair's School Gym Inter 32716.
Jim Donaldson Country and Western Square Dance Club. 38039.

THURSDAY
Banks Ave. Twirlers. Beginners. Art Shepherd. 8 to 10.30 p.m. Phone 885-675

FRIDAY
PAPANUI AREA: (B). Art Shepherd. Various Halls. Contact Don Finlayson. 529-167. 8.30 to 10.30 p.m.

SATURDAY
CHRISTCHURCH:
Cathedral Squares, Club Level. Art Shepherd, YMCA, 8 to 10.30 p.m. Restricted. Telephone 885-675.

CHRISTCHURCH: Second Saturday Whirlaways. Intermediate and (A). Scout Hall, rear 277 Stanmore Road 85-8183. 8.30 to 12 midnight.
Special dances for Tuesday and Thursday once per month, contact Art Shepherd, 885-675.

TASMANIAN TOPICS

ASSIE TWIRLERS — Kindred

Former dancer/caller from Burnie who also used to come regularly to Kindred, Don Grant, has shifted to Brisbane and is now dancing with the Wheeling 8's. He is enjoying the climate, but smiles when he thinks back to when we were trying to decide whether it was too hot to dance through a Tasmanian summer! Best wishes, Don, and thanks for the offer of a bed if any of us ever get to Brisbane again.

The set attending the Convention has been getting together for an occasional evening at the home of Max and Margaret Youd. On the last Saturday in March we were about an hour late arriving, but overcame the difficulty of excuses as we had to put our watches back to Eastern Standard Time from Tas. Summer Time later that night.

Southern Cross News

Ron and Jean Mennie visited our Club recently and we would like to thank Clarice Earnshaw for the two special nights she held for them at her home. Bob and Nance Newman also paid a flying visit. It was nice meeting you folk and we look forward to seeing you again next time you're over.

Congratulations to Ken and Isobel Turner who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary the last week in March. Our picnic was a huge success. Despite the weather, 80 people turned up to join in the fun and games. When rain interrupted our cricket match we adjourned to the Mylor Hall for competition games and dancing. Bill Levi, our ace M.C., kept the ball rolling. Thanks, Bill, you did a wonderful job. Our thanks also go to the Committee for their efforts on that day.

—Pauline Frost.

S.A. News

WALKERVILLE (Sunday)

Our Sunday night dance got away to a fair start and is being run weekly. About four sets of learners were present on our first night and a few new faces have come in each week. We welcome you new folk to our dance and hope you will enjoy yourselves and attend as regular as possible.

We just did it a few hours earlier.

Graeme Whiteley was in charge of the square dance section at a recent Country & Western night in aid of the Retarded Children at Burnie. Another C. & W. night is being held at Natone on April 27.

LAUNCESTON

Members have started paying into a fund for a dinner again this year and have also decided to save for a weekend trip later in the year. Further details, see Publicity Officer, Nellie Kool, or Secretary, Shirley Casboult.

Easter week dance will be a party night with a basket supper and an Easter Egg raffle.

The Dutch-Australian Association has again asked that we supply a set to dance at their May Club night. They are also interested in our Mixer dancers and the band has requested the music for the Teton Mountain Stomp so they can learn it for future dances.

WALKERVILLE (Monday)

To try and encourage dancers to dress for the occasion of Square Dancing, this club is holding a Square Dance Ball on June 26. A "Belle & Beau" of the Ball will be chosen and good prizes are assured. The "Belle and Beau" of the Ball will be decided on Square Dance fashions and at no time will personal looks come into the judging. Judging will be done by a well-known personality who is not in any way connected with the club. This award is open to all dancers who wish to attend.

Unfortunately, our boat trip was cancelled by the Harbours Board who have classed the Old Showboat as unseaworthy. We welcome to our club Fran and Tony Hooper who have settled in Adelaide after coming from the U.K. They have danced for a few years over there to the calling of Tony Cavanah. Their young son, Lee, comes along to each dance and is quite content to watch from the pusher as long as he's got his potato chips to munch on.

GAWLER RIVER

A very successful open air Barbecue and Square Dance was held here on 6th April. There were a few worn-out shoes and people around afterwards, but a good time was had by all. Many thanks again to Walkerville folk for being in attendance.

Congratulations to Elaine Aveling from all at Walkerville Club on her recent coming-of-age.

"The Westerners," Newcastle

This is the first time we've burst into print, although our Club was formed officially twelve months ago.

Our standard of dancing is improving under the guidance of our caller, newly-married Brian Hotchkies. From the movie of his wedding we see that Wendy lost no time in laying down the law! That's the way, Wendy, let him know who's boss!

We feel our Club may be unique in that we run a family night, with a separate dance for the children in an adjoining hall. However, during the evening the children get a big kick out of joining their parents and friends in at least two special round-ups and some round dances. Visitors have been impressed by the children's dancing and by the evident success of this experiment, which everyone assured us would never work!

We recently elected Bill Wilson as President, Harry Mitchell as Secretary and Ernie Hughes as Treasurer. It's nice to have such able and handsome men at the helm.

Our membership is growing — people seem to like the friendly, family atmosphere we've set out to achieve. In fact, we like to think that "The Westerners" are a pretty nice bunch of square dancers.



B-BAR-H CLUB

The Learners' Dance now being run by the B-Bar-H Club is quite successful. It is held at the Garden Suburb Community Hall on Thursday nights. If anyone knows the whereabouts of some interested gents, please bring them along. We need some extras to complement all our charming new ladies.

Twenty of our keenest members journeyed south to Lane Cove Town Hall for the "American Special." We reckon if the Americans enjoyed it half as much as we did, then they had a pretty good time.

Our hearty congratulations go to our two Bruces and Christine. About four sets of dancers had a really swell night when Bruce Swift cele-

brated his 21st birthday at New Lambton R.S.L. on 29th March. Boy! What a supper! We never thought we'd see the day when Ernie Hughes and Bill Wilson could not eat all the prawns.

And then on 30th March we found ourselves at Stewart and Lloyds Recreation Club to celebrate the engagement of Bruce Taylor and Christine Hannon (of Dundas fame). It was a huge success. We all wish them every happiness in their future lives together.

Also on the congratulations list is Donald Hoskins, Jr. and his wife Gerry, who were married on 30th March. It looks as though Don and Joyce will be gaining a daughter, not losing a son.

Our picnic at Boat Harbour was fun and games from start to finish, with swimming, soft ball, eating and lazing about as the main attractions. Poor Lorraine Hodge just couldn't keep the sand out of her swimming costume. It was a pity, because she didn't really want those three extra swims.

The next picnic will be at Clarendon on 27th April. Hope you don't miss out.

KOTARA CLUB

All club members wish to convey hearty congratulations to Peter Steel and new wife Judy, and also to Don Hoskins, Jr. and new wife Gerry.

The proud parents were Helen and Russ Steel and Joyce and Don Hoskins.

We Kotara Club members who went to Sydney for the Americans' visit had a tremendous time and a real fun night. We say thank you very much to you Sydney people, and we must congratulate you for an excellent hall and a good standard of calling.

Our last Club Dance was a real swinger, with Henk calling quite a number of new dances and movements. I overheard a number of dancers saying that Henk must have been listening to Bob Van Antwerp.

Can anyone tell us just what Robinson Crusoe did with Friday on Saturday night as we doubt if John Dixon and Bill Fulton's answers were true and correct.

Many happy returns to Bruce Swift, who celebrated his 21st birthday on Friday, 29th March.

Nice to see quite a group of our dancers will be attending the Hunter District S.D. Committee's bus picnic and outing to Gloucester on Sunday, May 5th.

—Vision.

Square Whirl

READERS, PLEASE NOTE:
The new N.S.W. Editor is Graham J. Robinson, and his address is 320 The Ridge Rd., Revesby Heights, 2212.

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Contributors: All articles must be typed, as those articles that are not will no longer be published.

DEADLINE

The Editors' deadline for all material for the Review will be the first Saturday of each month.

COLLAROY PLATEAU

Our club was closed for March 22 so that all could attend the Alan Blackwell Memorial Night at Lane Cove when our American visitors were present. We were most interested to hear their two callers and it was unfortunate that it was quite so humid, making it very warm dancing. However, all had a great time.

Twelve members attended the Bundanoon Weekend and had a most enjoyable time, with plenty of dancing, both on Saturday afternoon and at night, from 7.30 p.m. till 12.30 a.m.! The competition teams were splendid and most interesting to watch and we were interested in the progress being made by the Bundanoon callers and dancers. Sunday was a glorious day and we all enjoyed tripping around.

With Easter, special functions and week-ends, our club has been having a rather lean time and we decided to give a lift to proceedings and have a **BACK TO COLLAROY** night on **FRIDAY, MAY 24**. Our club is in its seventh year and we have had many members during that time. It would be interesting to see as many as possible (as well as other friends who would like to come) attend, and have a big reunion!

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

At long last in response to our order placed many moons ago, our baby has arrived -- Robert Thomas Geoffroy Milligan -- nine pounds fifteen ounces of the biggest, strongest, most handsome baby boy anyone ever saw, right down to his bruised toe. Dawn Milligan is well and very happy and proud of our baby, while Papa Bob is busy passing out cigars. Soon our new trainee-caller, Robbie Milligan, will be present at our Tuesday night dances at Greenwich.

The Promenaders were well represented at the combined American visit and Alan

Blackwell Night at the Lane Cove Town Hall. We all enjoyed the calling of Bob Van Antwerp and Bob Osgood. Meeting all the American square dancers was a thrill for us all. Did anyone miss out on Tom's birthday cake?

CIRCLE 8, LAKEMBA

We are pleased to welcome another American couple to our weekly dances -- Connie and Herb Brown -- who are combining business and pleasure in Sydney for two or three years. We hope they are enjoying our style of dancing.

Congratulations to Madge and Jim Tetlow, who recently became grandparents for the first time.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Ernie Truslove. His familiar figure is sadly missed from this club and all other square dance functions.

Our sympathy also goes to Barbara Grey, whose mother passed on recently.

Bob and Jean Woolcock are away for a month's holiday, and we understand this will be the longest time that this couple has been absent from the club since it started, sixteen years ago.

Congratulations again to the Circle 8 veteran team who again won in their section at the Bundanoon Weekend.

Tuesday, May 21, will mark another anniversary for the Circle 8, and we hope to make this, our sixth anniversary, the best party night yet, and to see as many of our square dance friends there as can possibly come along.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS

Several of our happy group of square dancers spent the weekend at Bundanoon and everyone reports having had a wonderful time. We are also proud of the fact that among our "regulars" every Wednesday night we have one or more members of every team that won first, second or third place in all classes in the competition at Bundanoon. Congratulations to all of you on a very fine showing.

We were pleased to welcome back newly-weds Peter and Joyce Jackson.

Now that the weather is cooling we will have bigger and better Wednesday nights at Dundas.

From now on it is "count down" to Convention time in Newcastle, where the Promenaders will be dancing in their red polka dots.

A big welcome back to our

other newly-weds, Karen and Bill Melville.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS, SATURDAY

Our happiest number one news item is the engagement of Christine Hannon and Bruce Taylor. To this well-liked couple we all wish every future happiness.

The cooler weather is going to finish off the men's shorts season. We'll all miss Curly's knobby knees.

Last month we had two v.i.p. visitors, Lucky Newton and Les Hitchens of the Rose Bay Club. We were happy to see you two fellows, and Marge, please come to see us again.

Our third Saturday is rapidly becoming a night not to be missed, and the welcome mat is always out to all visiting callers and advanced dancers. Remember: we are an open club.

MIRANDA CLUB

On behalf of Brian, Greg and myself, I would like to thank Eric and Dot Wendell and the "Wheeling Eights" Club for the three enjoyable evenings we had while passing through Brisbane. We also had a good night at Henk Johannessen's Newcastle Club. To both clubs go our sincere thanks for their wonderful hospitality and for making our holiday such a wonderful and memorable one.

—Ken Joyce, Miranda Club

Our club visit to "Strathaven" Country Club, Wyong, was a great success and all members heartily endorse a vote of thanks to the proprietors for the amenities and meals provided. The club music room, venue of our Saturday night dance, was most suitable, and we had four squares of new beginners.

Guests staying at "Strathaven", mostly members and their wives from Lodge Malvern, joined us for square and round dancing. Bill, a lodge member, came along with a portable electric organ and combined with Arthur for some excellent numbers. Thank you, Lodge Malvern.

A 'mad hat' competition was won by Carol Haertel and Charles Ritchie. A 'best dressed' was won by Beryl Duffy and provided a lot of fun. What with a horse safari, canoe racing, golf and swimming, all members left on Sunday afternoon, tired, but very happy.

THE WAGGON WHEEL CLUB PUNCHBOWL

"It is good to see young and new blood taking an active part in our Square Dance Society" . . . this was the approval when three of our members were elected to the

executive committee at the last general meeting of the N.S.W. Square Dance Society.

Our congratulations go to Don Craine, Ross Sinclair and Graham Robinson as they follow the good examples set for them.

Our congratulations and best wishes for the future to 1. Claudia Frazer and Terry Dodd, who were married on April 20, 1968, and 2. Jimm Funnell, who celebrated his 21st birthday anniversary on April 17, 1968.

The club is thriving with the patronage of approximately seven sets of beginners, many of them due to demonstrations over the past year, and we now take the opportunity to welcome them to the fraternity.

Eight of our members are still on the list for going to the U.S.A. and it is hoped that some of those who intending may still raise the finance to fill the ranks again.

Thanks must go to the three teams who demonstrated to the Americans at the Combined Dance Night at the Lidcombe Parade which was much appreciated by our American guests. Ron has become another "meet a little girl and promenade along man, as many of our dancers can heartily confirm. Our teams have been hard at it under Ron's guidance, but they thrive on hard work, competitions and demonstrations, which are all part of the fun and enjoyment derived from functions arranged by the Square Dance Society of New South Wales.

Much has been said about the Americans, their visit, the Alan Blackwell Night and the Bundanoon Weekend. We thank the people we have met, the friends we have made and loved the fun we had in this way. We also have enjoyed these times, and as true square dance enthusiasts we hope to share many more like them. We look forward to seeing you all at the Ninth Australian National Square Dance Convention in Newcastle.

SQUARE AND ROUND, BELMORE

The 50-50 Square & Round Dance at Belmore Scouts' Hall on the second Saturday of the month is becoming a very popular night. Blending the round dancing and square dancing seems to give the night a very pleasant atmosphere of enjoyable and relaxed dancing.

Avis and Jack Nimmo conduct the rounds and Be Pickworth calls to the square.

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Victorian Jottings

ADELAIDE VISIT

On a recent visit to Adelaide we were overwhelmed by the friendship extended to us by Allan and Lorna Frost and members of their Southern Cross Club. Following a visit to the club, where we had a wonderful night of squaring, we were invited to the home of Clarice and Arnold Ernschaw for a private night of squaring followed by a barbecue and dance the next night.

It is wonderful to see how the standard of dancing has improved under Allan's guidance, and once again we wish to say how much we enjoyed it all and thank you, Allan and Lorna, for a 'wow' of a time.

Ron and Jean Mennie, Box Hill Square Dance Club.

SUNNYSIDE

Our eighth birthday anniversary was a roaring success, with dressed sets, balloons, and lots of prizes. The floor was so crowded it was hard to know which set one belonged to.

Special welcome to Barry and Diane Atkins and David Hooper and their group from Altona. We enjoyed their company very much. Also to Ron and Jean Mennie and members from the Box Hill Club. We are always happy to welcome Fred and Elvie Andrews from Mildura. They always visit us on special occasions.

Marion Lockyer is on the sick list at the moment. We look forward to having her back with us soon.

Special night coming up on Saturday, May 11, Mothers' Night! All mothers will receive a small gift for Mother's Day.

MOORABBIN

Congratulations to Evelyn and Bob Stevens on the arrival of their daughter, Tania Louise. Congratulations, also, to Michael Scheen and Elaine Fuller, who were married on Easter Saturday. We all wish you both every happiness.

Everyone is busy brushing up on their round dances for the coming Convention. The popular round this month is 'Tammy'.

BOX HILL

This club takes great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Irene Jones to Ken Wallace. All at Mopoke Hollow wish them well. Cupid is a life member at our club. Box Hill's own 'raving ratbag', Ron Hooper, is back with us after having a rest in hospital and getting plenty of attention from those lovely nurses. It's good to see him get straight

into step.

A word of warning to Newcastle: We are coming, so be prepared. We are out for fun, so don't be surprised at anything that goes on with our crew. See you next month.

SEYMOUR NEWS

We are all very sorry to hear about the sudden illness of Bob Dickie. Bob, who is one of the staunchest supporters of the dance and who recently started calling, will be greatly missed. We wish him a speedy recovery. John Wise brought a group down for the visiting Americans' dance and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A little birdie told me they had arrived home in the wee hours of the morning — couldn't find your way home, John? Next dance will be on April 19, after Easter.

VALETTA

As Convention time nears, discussions are going on in the club regarding dresses to be worn and places to see on the way. Mavis Patten is out of action at the moment with illness, and our best wishes go out for a speedy recovery.

Our club was well represented on the night to welcome our American friends and we all enjoyed very much the calling of Bob Osgood and Bob Van Antwerp.

Rowdy Gordon celebrated a double occasion recently with his birthday anniversary and becoming engaged to be married. Congratulations, Ron. Charles (Bones) Fitch, Vonnie Walters and Frankie Cook were others to celebrate birthday anniversaries, and Nell Menielly broke a new record — arrived before 9 o'clock. Tom and Ron still haven't recovered from the shock.

RINGWOOD

Congratulations to Bruce Elder and Yvonne Riddle on their marriage. The club presented the happy couple with an electric toaster to mark the occasion. John Sanderson, Ray Cahill and Tiny Hodson are planning a trip to Townsville and intend doing some square dancing on the way. The dancing was a little above our dancers at the American night but they all enjoyed themselves; couldn't get over how friendly and helpful our American friends were.

DANDENONG

Well, our dance started on June 11, 1967, when Mrs. Cantwell organised a one-nighter which was so wonderful that it was decided to hold another, and another, etc., and now here we are approaching our first birthday anniversary.

All our dancers are teenagers, or not far beyond, and our caller is proud of the way they have "cottoned on", although most of them had never seen square dancing before. We have had up to eleven sets on the floor with the average running at about seven sets.

The open-air night at the Cantwell's was very successful although a little damp toward the end.

Is it true that Ann Marie is thinking of charging for wear and tear on her records?

Helen, Mary, Vic, Bernie and Peter attended the dance for the visiting American group at Moorabbin and were very impressed (and perplexed) by what they saw.

HAPPY VALLEY

Our beach and boating day was a beauty, with dancers from both Happy Valley and Camberwell attending. Many thanks to our hosts, Kath and Chris Penhalluriak, and to Eric and Hazel Clarke, Ron and Lou Edwards, who worked like beavers in the marine department. The speed boat conked out, but after much advice and tinkering she came good and our water skiers certainly did not miss out. A good haul was taken from the net and several dancers, including Les and Pat, enjoyed a fish breakfast. Marge Coates nearly caused a tidal wave when the sailing boat overturned, and Olyve Baker, Bev Newman, Frank Blackham and Helen and Ian Bell were also seen from the shore, clinging to the side of the boat. As always, we finished up a wonderful day with square dancing.

Roberts Cowan and Mitchell have gone driving with friends over to the West and hoped to pay a visit either to White Gum Valley or Carlisle during their visit.

All dancers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet our American friends at Moorabbin Town Hall on March 25, and were delighted to dance to Bob Van Antwerp and Bob Osgood as well as our own callers. There was a zip and sparkle about this night which was unforgettable.

CAMBERWELL

Tuesday nights are always happy ones. We have been pleased to welcome three new dancers, thanks to our good friend Olyve Cowan, who has also given a kitchen tea to mark the approaching wedding of Margaret Mason and Robert Duncan. Every happiness to you, Marg and Bob. Art Schreiber enjoyed meeting up with Western Australian dancers again recently. George

Snook and Marg Eastman have been missed from our club. Hope you feel better soon, George. We're also looking forward to seeing Helen and Harold Saligari again soon. We had another new member wander in, the other week; joins any set; joins in the calling, stands at the door to welcome latecomers, and drinks all the milk. His name is Monty, and he's a gorgeous-looking pooch!

ALPHINGTON

First night for the year was extremely gratifying, despite the fact that many dancers were absent, attending the wedding of Marg and Robert Duncan. This is always a basic night and new dancers are welcome. Next dance — May 24 (Friday).

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So if you would like a happy night of square and round dancing you are welcome to join in every second Saturday of the month.

ROUND DANCE WORKSHOP

There is no doubt that round dancing is taking its place in Sydney with increasing interest.

Last year a workshop night was commenced to teach the basics of round dancing, and it was quite successful.

This year started with about six couples. Last month there were 15 couples learning the basic steps of round dancing. The workshop has been operating on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Now, by request, this night will be held each month in the Scouts' Hall, Bonds Road, (behind Total Garage), at 7.30 to 10 p.m. under the direction of Avis and Jack Nimmo and Jess and Bev Pickworth. Inquiries 632-6685 or 78-4166.

The second Sunday night will NOT be held in June

To the Editor:

On behalf of the 30 Newcastle dancers who visited Sydney on March 22, I would like to thank Laurie Spaulding and all members of the N.S.W. Society for arranging the special American Night at the Lane Cove Town Hall.

It was the unanimous opinion of us all that this was the best function we have ever attended in Sydney and we would like to congratulate the organisers.

We also wish to say "thank you" for the hospitality and friendship extended to us during and after the dance.

MICK McCAULEY,
President,
9th National Convention
Committee.