

SOUTH PACIFIC SQUARE DANCE REVIEW

A
ROUND-
UP OF ..

SQUARE
AND
ROUND
DANCING

PRODUCED BY . . .

- ★ THE SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF N.S.W.
- ★ SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND.
- ★ SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA.
- ★ WEST AUST. SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY.
- ★ AND CLUBS IN TASMANIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.

VOL. 15. No. 99

OCTOBER, 1970

SQUARE DANCERS OF THE MONTH

At the last convention held in Victoria your Editor was shown a rather old square dance magazine dating back to that far-away era when square dancers were numbered by the thousands. In this magazine was a picture of a young, handsome caller who hasn't really changed much in almost 20 years, and every year at convention time this is how we think of our square dance couple for this month. Youthful, zestful, full of life and the love of square dancing. From Victoria . . . WALLY and JEANNE COOK.

Wally and Jeanne have been connected with square dancing since its inception in Victoria over 20 years ago and Wally has been calling now for 20 years. During this period he has been a vice-president of the Victorian Square Dance Callers' Association for 12 years.

Their first introduction to square dancing was when Jeanne dragged a very reluctant husband along to what he expected to be a "bunch of Millbillies" dancing at a class in Prahran and they enjoyed themselves so much that they have been addicts ever since. Seven months after taking his first square dance step Wally became a caller and within 12 months he was calling seven nights one week and six the other, on their one night off each fortnight they used to dance, as did most callers and their wives, at a Sunday night club called the "Doric" which was run by Bill McGrath.

Wally's first club was at Springvale and was followed by Wesley College, Scotch College, Fintona Girls' Grammar School, Essendon Grammar School and the Brighton Lady Mayoress Club. During these days it was a common occurrence to see Jeanne teaching and calling basic movements to newcomers to bring them up to the standard of the dancers in the main hall. One of Wally's present clubs, "Valletta," proudly boasts of being the longest continuously operating club in Australia, celebrating its 20th birthday in August of this year; other clubs operating at the present are Youth Hostels of Australia, Singles in Society, Latter

Day Saints and a teenage group at Brighton where the average age is about 13. Other Saturday nights are taken up calling for charity and social evenings and organising and compering social functions at the Green Acres Golf Club where Wally is on the committee.

They have always been keen dancers and were members of a set called "The Wedhots," which won an Australian Square Dance Championship; in addition to this they held the Victorian Jitterbug Championship for two years (which just goes to prove that callers are good dancers? — or perhaps lucky).

Jeanne is a dressmaker by trade and is usually responsible for the designing of their exhibition teams for both square and round dancing.

They were co-organisers of the first two square dance conventions ever held in Victoria, at Clifton Springs in 1956 and 1957, where some 120 dancers (which was the limit that could be accommodated) attended, danced and were taught new square dance movements and round dances by Wally, Bob Hunt, Jim McCutcheon and their wives. Wally and Jeanne have continued somewhat along these lines by organising weekends away at Marysville for 70 to 80 square dancers for the past 12 years.

Wally has played league and association football and both he and Jeanne are very keen followers. They also enjoy a game of tennis and like water ski-ing, but any weekend just isn't complete if he can't get

on to the golf course where he plays off a single figure handicap.

Square dancing has been and still is a most important part of their lives and they are very happy at the thought of all the wonderful people they have met and the many friends they have made all over Australia.

Wally says he will continue to call as long as there are dancers to call to, and as he quotes, "Just like it says in the dance — if you do the

dancing I'll do the call, and we will have us a ball."

Wally is the assistant property officer of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. He is also a member of the Square Dance Callers' Association of Southern California. It is always a pleasure to write about our Square Dancers of the Month and may we add a big thank you to Wally and Jeanne for the many years of enjoyment they have given to square dancers and may they go on forever.

COURTESY

COURTESY is catching so I've heard some people say, So, square dancers, let's catch some and make it stay; Let's polish up our manners, be CONSIDERATE AND POLITE,

Make sure EVERYONE enjoys every square dance night. When the caller says "ROUND-UP," don't wait to see who's there,

What does it matter WHO'LL be dancing in your 'square?'

If you think they can't dance as expertly as you Just remember, someone had to teach YOU what to do And it really makes no difference if they're young or old,

Square dancing is for EVERYONE, or so we've all been told; If they're calling for one couple, DON'T head for the door, Next time it might be YOUR set that needs one couple more. Perhaps you don't feel like dancing, you'd like to have a spell, Remember that the caller might like a rest as well;

But he keeps right on calling, hoping for CO-OPERATION, I think we all could show him a lot more appreciation.

And let's not leave the work to just the same old FEW, And it's the duty of us ALL to be friendly to visitors, too.

If after reading this your CONSCIENCES are all clear, You'll be welcome at the dances for many a long year; But if you're like me, you could improve, of that there is no doubt,

So let's be friendly and courteous, before they kick us out.

FAE SMITH.

CO-ORDINATING EDITOR

I. McGrath, 4 Batten Avenue, West Ryde, N.S.W. 2114. 'Phone 85-3821.

EDITORS

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

NEW ZEALAND, A.C.T., NEW SOUTH WALES: George Gow, 11 Conrad Street, North Ryde, N.S.W. 2113. 'Phone 88-3776.

QUEENSLAND: Graham Rigby, 14 Eagle Street, Alderley Heights, 4051. 56-1251.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Allan Frost, 39 Alexandra Street, Prospect, S.A. 5082.

65-1351.

VICTORIA: Ron Whyte, Wickham Road, Moorabbin East, 3189. 95-1496.

TASMANIA: Miss Shirley Casboul, 1 Mary Street, Launceston, 7250. 31-1563.

WEST AUSTRALIA: Ray Hastie, 9 Yalgoo Avenue, White Gum Valley, 6162.

QUEENSLAND DIARY

TUESDAY:

LACKS CREEK: "Sundowners," Progress Hall, Hall Road, weekly. Peter Johnson. 96-3813.

GEEBUNG: "Star Promenaders", Memorial Hall, Newman Road. Fortnightly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

WEDNESDAY:

WAVELL HEIGHTS: "Wavell Whirlaways," Memorial Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road. Sid Leighton. 69-1401.

WYNNUM: "Circle W," Methodist Church Hall, Ash-ton Street. Junior (7.00 p.m.), weekly. Neville McLachlan. 96-3302.

TOOWOOMBA: Boy Scouts' Headquarters Hall, Scouts' Way (behind St. Luke's C. of E.). Weekly. Bill McHardy and Don Proellocks. (Toowoomba, 52-155).

THURSDAY:

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights," Christchurch Hall. Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

KEDRON: "Kedron Whirlaways." C. of E. Hall (Juniors). Fortnightly. 7.00 p.m. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

FRIDAY:

ASHGROVE: "S-Bar-B," St. Barnabas' Hall, Water-works Road (bus stop 12), weekly. Graham Rigby (56-1251).

SATURDAY:

HOLLAND PARK: Hollandia Swingers. Greenlopes Scout Hall, Victor Street, Fortnightly. Graham Rigby (56-1251).

ST. LUCIA: "University" Club, University of Q'land (Club and Beginner Nights on alternate Saturdays). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

MILTON: "Bar-K Ramblers, weekly, Christchurch Hall, Hale Street, (open). Bernie Kennedy. 79-2196.

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights," Christchurch Hall, Eric Wendell. 95-5606.

ZILLMERE: Star Promenaders, C. of E. Hall, Murphy Road (next to State School). "Family Night," fortnightly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

MONDAY:

ZILLMERE: C. of E. Hall, Murphy Road (next to State School), Junior (3.30 p.m.) weekly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

SQUARE YOUR SETS"

(A ROUND-UP OF QUEENSLAND NEWS)

BAR-K-RABLERS

The Exhibition Square Dance Round-up at "The Barn," Slacks Creek, on Sunday, August 16, was a tremendous success and thanks go to compere Johnny James and all callers and dancers who did so much towards the night. Lucky door and raffle winners were Mrs. Dot Christensen, Noel Brown and Johnny Wilkinson. Dancers can look forward to this future annual event.

WARANA FESTIVAL

At time of writing, all Queensland dancers are looking forward to the "Warana Square Dance Festival" at Riverside. Ballroom, New Farm, on Saturday, October 3. Championship squares and rounds, with competitors from Brisbane, Newcastle and Sydney, will be interspersed with general dancing and the following evening a gala interstate dance at Springlands Barn.

UNIVERSITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Club Night, August 29, was a special one to wish Neil and Pauline May bon voyage for their year overseas. Total attendance for the evening was 106, which yielded an average of 11 sets of dancers. The programme chosen by Neil and Pauline and the calling by Ivor Burge were outstandingly good and resulted in a first-class night's dancing.

Neil and Pauline will spend a week in Honolulu before proceeding to Davis, California, where Neil will lecture at the university. They are looking forward to square dancing in U.S.A.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

This is traditionally the month of "Halloween" and the Star Promenaders of Zillmere plan to celebrate the "Death of October" with ghostly doings on Saturday, October 31. All are invited to this masked affair, with prizes for the most hideous masks, but be prepared for a real night with a difference.

WAVELL WHIRLWAYS

A keen young set from this club is shaping up very nicely for Riverside and our thanks and appreciation go to Mrs. Pearce for making the girls' frocks. This night promises to be one of skill and colour. A recent afternoon of tennis, followed by a barbecue and dance with Holland Park and Ashgrove proved a "smashing" success.

COLANA CARNIVAL

Brisbane's greatest junior square dance pageant ever was staged on Saturday, August 28 at the "Colana" Carnival as 68 teams from all over the city competed in friendly rivalry for the excellent prizes. Top honours went to Stafford with Woolloowin and Aspley filling the minor placings. Our heartiest congratulations to all who participated.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

The first registrations have been received for our next "Summer Holiday" on the Gold Coast over the Australia

Day weekend in 1971. Preliminary details were announced in last month's "Review," and, with the big weekend now only three months away, those intending to be on the scene are urged to nominate immediately. Attendance is limited to one hundred.

WYNNUM CALLING!

Brisbane's bayside suburb of Wynnnum is once again back on the square dance map with a brand new junior club, the "Circle W," dancing at the Methodist Church Hall every Wednesday night. Caller Neville McLachlan is very proud of his new group and membership grew to nine sets early last month.

STH. AUSTRALIA NEWS

SOUTHERN CROSS

Nice to welcome Ken Joyce, a young trainee caller from Sydney. He's here on a working holiday, calls well, and

is proving very popular, especially among our young ones.

We've had more than our share of the wog and hope September sees warmer weather and the end of absenteeism. There was much back-patting and congrats. when Fran and Tony Hooper became parents for the second time with a daughter. Fran has not missed more than a couple of nights, but has been a sitter-knitter, so it won't be long before she's up demonstrating round dancing again.

Also best wishes to Linda and Phillip Meekin who have a son, their first. Must say it's nice to see another three of our young marrieds coming back to the fold after the arrival of their families. Bill and Marie Johnson had a nasty accident on their way home from squaring and Bill had a spell in hospital and it will be a while before we see his cheery grin at the club. Luckily Marie wasn't hurt. We were pleased to have Joan Burnell back with us again after a short stay in hospital, and our latest unfortunate is Grant Cusack. He has been admitted and we wish him well and hope that it won't prove to be serious.

BEREAVEMENT

It was with deep sadness that we heard of the death of Mabs Bayly after a long time of failing health. Jack and Mabs have been two of South Australia's staunchest supporters of square dancing ever since its inception here, teaching at schools privately and in country areas. Southern Cross extends to Jack and family our sincere sympathy.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIARY

MONDAY: WALKERVILLE: Weekly. Semi-advanced. Druids Hall, corner Main North East Road and Cassie Street, Walkerville. Bus stop 12. Brian Townsend. Home 64-4864.

KURRALTA PK.: Girl Guide Hall (Beginners), Corner Cross Tce and Daly o. Allan Frost. 65-1351. Weekly.

THURSDAY:

PLYMPTON: RSL Hall, Long Street. Weekly. (Advanced). Allan Frost. 65-1351.

SUNDAY:

WEEKLY: Happy Medium, Druids Hall, corner Main North East Road and Cassie Street, Walkerville. Brian Townsend, home 64-4864.

GRAND AUTO REPAIRS

PANELBEATING, SPRAY PAINTING, INSURANCE WORK
FREE QUOTATIONS 42-44 Meagher St., Chippendale
Phone 69-2797. After Hours 44-3240

N.S.W.:

The Square Dance Society of N.S.W.

ANNUAL BUNDANOON WEEKEND, FRIDAY, 29th JAN.
TO SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1971

ACCOMMODATION: BELLEVUE PARK GUEST HOUSE.
Tariff \$10. Half rates children under 12 years. This price is to be verified as soon as possible. Bookings through SECRETARY, Square Dance Society, Box 1430, G.P.O., Sydney. Deposit \$2.00 with application.
Enquiries: ROSS SINCLAIR, 771-4956.

Q'LAND:

GOLD COAST SQUARE DANCE SUMMER HOLIDAY

NATIONAL FITNESS CAMP, TALLEBUDGERA

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY

JANUARY 29, 30, 31; FEBRUARY 1, 1971

All inclusive:

\$10 (Single)

Enquiries:

Graham & Val Rigby

14 Eagle Street

Alderley Hgts., Q'ld.

FOR FUN-LEVEL DANCING AT ITS BEST,
 QLD.: try . . .
SQUARE DANCING 1970
 AUSTRALIA'S LATEST 7" E.P. RECORDING, featuring
GRAHAM RIGBY
 with six top dances on R.C.A.
 Price: Enquiries: 14 Eagle Street,
 \$3.00 ALDERLEY HTS., Q'land.

Victorian Jottings

FOOTSCRAY

With the increasing interest in square dancing which has been developing over the last 12/18 months, numbers continue to increase. Special provision is made for beginners and the more experienced dancers by having special brackets of dancing at each level. Oh, well! If the hall becomes too small there is always the Town Hall over the road.

ALTONA NEWSBEAT

Square dancing is fun, power strikes notwithstanding. During a recent strike dancers arrived with gas and kerosene lamps of all descriptions. Mary Milner added to the hilarity by arriving with "one-candle power".

The coming months will be busy ones with visits to Shepparton and Box Hill, birthdays and a "challenge" cricket match, Altona v. Box Hill, to be followed by a B-B-Q and dancing.

BOX HILL NEWS

We have settled into our new hall after a successful opening night of seven sets. Recent visitors were Hans and Karen Bothe from Seymour. Preparations are under way for our sixth birthday night. Theme for this night will be "Old Time Music Hall". Important date, October 31. This will be third half-way dance between Shepparton and Melbourne at Tallarook. Our November highlight: Box Hill v. Altona cricket match.

EASTERN EIGHTS

The Eastern Eights have had a very good month with plenty of new faces on each night. Nice to see Derek, Hazel and Julie are settling in nicely and enjoying themselves.

Also a few other friendly faces are coming regularly and they are very welcome.

When Ron and Jean arrived on 22nd August with some of their Mopoke dancers, our little club room was bursting at the seams, but fun was had by one and all.

ST. PETERS, BOX HILL

Another great month of square dancing.

We attended the V.S.D.A. dance and general meeting and had a fabulous time.

Another good night for our club on 15th when the Eastern Eights visited us.

A gang of us went with

trainee caller Bob Pyart to Clyde and Moonee Ponds where he made his first efforts at teaching and calling. Congratulations, Bob!

KEYSBOROUGH

By the time this appears in print our second birthday will have passed. Numbers have been improving slowly and we are hoping for a good roll-up on our party night. Those who attended really enjoyed Ron Whyte's Cabaret and are looking forward to similar functions in the future.

DANDENONG

Our numbers are still holding up well with 13 sets dancing last Sunday. Among them were visitors Ann Jones, John Stockton and Doug Wilkinson. We have decided not to accept any more beginners, but will arrange special tuition for any who do attend, away from the regular dancers. This should be more satisfactory for both regulars and newcomers. With a couple of "special" nights on the "off" Sundays we currently are dancing every Sunday evening.

Recent birthdays were Philip Day (21) and Peter Moloney (20). The Sunnyside Cabaret was a highlight for those who attended.

THANKS, SYDNEY!

We would like to thank Ron Jones, Tom McGrath, and Jess and Bev. Pickworth and their Dancers for the warm welcome we received at their clubs on our recent brief visit.

IRIS and KEVIN LEYDON.

HAPPY VALLEY

Both Camberwell and Happy Valley thoroughly enjoyed the annual cabaret and Les ensured that we were all on Candid Camera.

Pennsylvania Waltz is another attractive, easy round that we have learnt this month.

Lil and Cec Hansford going North to chase the sunshine, but we are getting our fair share of this down South at the moment.

Our thanks to Bill and Val Humphries and Bev. Newman for help with a beginners' group at Essendon this month.

Looking forward to seeing you all at MELBOURNE HIGH ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE, FRIDAY, OCT. 9.

CAMBERWELL

We farewelled Reg and Gwen Perry, who are off to Western Australia and Olyve Cowan leaves this month for England to attend the wedding

of her son Robert.

As all clubs have launched a publicity campaign in our daily and local newspapers, 'phones have been running hot and we hope that many new dancers will join our ranks. The main trouble seems to be the gents. . . Many ladies have rung, but unless we can supply them with partners, the position is not hopeful.

VALETTA

Ed Fuller is the latest casualty on our sickness list. He was rushed off to hospital the other night for an appendix operation, but is quite O.K. now and should soon be back dancing. We all enjoyed our night at the cabaret and all look forward to the future big nights coming up, not forgetting our own 20th birthday night on 6th October. Paula McNeill is off overseas on the 22nd September for two years and we all wish her well. Kevin and Iris Leydon travelled up to Sydney for a week and reported enjoyable nights dancing to Ron Jones, Tom McGrath and Bev. Pickworth.

YOUTH HOSTELS

Josie Giddings, Barry Duncanson, Carol Gilbert, John Roth, Ralph Bejeman and David Oliver headed a group of newcomers at our last dance and soon became very adept at the art of square dancing. We also welcomed Daphne Baker from New Zealand, who is in Victoria for the next two years. Don't forget our weekend at Lorne during November. For bookings, see Doug Bell or Daphne Willocks.

SINGLES IN SOCIETY

The recent progressive dinner organised by the club, was a roaring success and we discovered who were the good cooks and who were the best eaters. In this regard "Gobi" McFarland more than held his own. No doubt Kevin Bullen, his decorative drawings that adorn the walls on club nights sure cause some amusement. For some reason or other quite a few of them seem to resemble prominent members of the club, the one that looks suspiciously like Gerry Downing was a classic. The November dance will be on the 2nd Saturday instead of the first.

SUNNYSIDE

Great excitement recently when the "Sun" photographer

arrived at Sunnyside and the resulting publicity.

Interstate visitors were Clarice and Arnold Earnshaw, Joan and Dennis Castle from Adelaide. Nice to have Marj and Jack Rodgers back after their illness.

Many thanks to all callers and clubs who attended the Sunnyside Cabaret, and to the people who participated in the three demonstrations. Our numbers this year were 380. We may have to have a bigger hall next year.

MOORABBIN

Welcome home to Jack Kay, who has returned from Germany. In London Jack met up with our Tommy Todd, who sends greetings to all his old friends. Maisie Archer is off on a trip to New Zealand this month. Are our ladies getting weak? At least six of our dancers have appeared with banded legs during recent weeks.

MOORABBIN YOUNGER SET

The younger members have excelled themselves this month with the success of their film night, with an attendance of 151. Keep up the good work. Their next venture is a golf picnic day sometime in November. Brian Smith is looking a bit peaky lately. He is organising too many after parties, plus all the trips to Dandenong; is he having a ball.

WHITEHORSE CLUB

Our three tables all enjoyed ourselves at the Sunnyside Cabaret Ball and voted it another wonderful night.

We note that our caller Jack Murphy and regular dancer Rod Ferris are both sporting new cars.

The club has just started a new class for beginners operating at the Club Hall every Thursday evening, 8.15 to 10.30, until Christmas. New dancers are welcomed, particularly couples.

HOTFOOTERS

Interesting lives Hotfooters lead! On the way home from work Stewart noticed holes appearing in his car; he was being shot at. The week after the police stopped our little Norm as he was walking to our dance. Maybe they thought he was the cat burglar. We are again collecting for Freedom From Hunger and would welcome assistance on September 27.

MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL
12th ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1970
 IN SCHOOL MEMORIAL HALL, use Chapel St. Entrance
LES SCHRODER and GUEST CALLERS
 ADMISSION 60c. Demonstrations and Prizes. Tea provided.
 Enquiries ring 69-4921, 663-2350 bus.
 ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO MELBOURNE HIGH PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION.



A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER!
WHEN IN SYDNEY STAY AT THE FABULOUS
MANHATTEN HOTEL
GREENKNOWE AVENUE, POTTS POINT
THE LARGEST LUXURIOUS HOTEL OVERLOOKING
BEAUTIFUL SYDNEY HARBOUR

Suites, Rooms with Showers and Baths
Single, Double and Family Rooms
TARIFF: Bed and Breakfast from \$4.20 p.p. Daily
Phone 35-1283

gratulated for what they have done for square and round dancing in Auckland. Dennis has carried his professional qualifications across as a leader-caller. He has a brilliant mind and understands what is required to keep the activity alive and growing.

After graduating 76 dancers he commenced a second learners' class and has 65 new members in that class. Not only did he publish the graduation booklet, but the hall was decorated to the nth degree. It was a pleasure to be associated with the event and a joy to call to dancers whose only wants are pleasurable dancing.

Both daily Auckland papers carried photographs and articles of the event and coverage was extended to other New Zealand centres.

We can assure Australian and other dancers of quality dancing whenever you visit the Hillsborough Square Dance Club in Auckland.

If you are planning a trip to New Zealand visit Auckland and contact Dr. Dennis Spackman, 172 Hillsborough Road.

Yours squaringly,
Art & Blanche Shepherd.

VIC.:

Annual Combined SQUARE DANCE PICNIC & BARBECUE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1970

HEATHERTON RESERVE (Hall provided)

Family day. Bring your friends. Fun for everyone. Special team competitions between clubs. Races and novelties for adults and children.

SQUARE DANCING IN HALL — WET OR FINE.

All callers and clubs are cordially invited.

Enquiries — Ron Whyte, 95-1496

Proceeds for Square Dance Review.

Dear Editor:

We recently forwarded copies of a publication put out by the Hillsborough Square Dance Club to all known addresses of Australia's leaders in the movement. The idea was to show what can be done by a new club with "top-notch" personnel.

Doctor Dennis Spackman and his wonderful wife Rowan are leaders in the true spirit of the movement. They devote their energies to the growth and betterment of the activity. They are to be con-

MELBOURNE IN THE NEWS

Square dancing in Melbourne has had its share of publicity lately, thanks to the "Sun News Pictorial," one of our main newspapers. With the result that money left over from the Melbourne Convention is being spent on advertising in the local papers with write-ups as well for most callers. The idea now is to try to bring new people into square dancing, with the publicity from the "Sun" last month and the write-up was quite a windfall, as we badly needed this boost.

Each caller who is a member of the Callers' Association, was given a free advert. in their local paper, and a large advert. went into the "Sun," publishing the Victorian Diary, each caller received the same advert. Although our telephones have been ringing madly from the public, it is still too early to say whether this form of advertising has paid off.

Apparently this bit of publicity started with a member of our club knowing someone from the "Sun" who suggested a letter be written and also a copy of the current issue of the Review was sent, and being told of Square Dance Week being world-wide. It started the ball rolling to the extent that a reporter had an interview with us, then sent a photographer along to Sunny-side. We believe this fellow took two reels of film. He stayed for supper, and even had a square dance. We were all very pleased with the result. To the person responsible, who we know wishes to remain anonymous, we say thank you, as now all clubs and callers should benefit in some way. We certainly hope so. RON and ELLA WHYTE.



AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL

TRAVEL CENTRE

SPECIALISTS IN

**GROUP and INDEPENDENT
ARRANGEMENTS**

55-63 ELIZABETH STREET
CARLTON CENTRE

25-6875

SYDNEY

25-6875

JENNY DEIN, WAGGON WHEEL CLUB

CHARITY DANCE

Come along, have fun, meet the children at 7.30 and see their home. Dancing to the excellent calling of Roy Etherington, Friday, 16th October, at 8 p.m.

Address: Cnr. Victoria Road and Frederick Street, Ryde.

Parking in grounds at back. Basket supper. Donation 60c. Enquiries Penny Spalding. 89-4606.

VICTORIA DIARY

MONDAY:

MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte (B), 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.

TUESDAY:

BENTLEIGH: Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Wally Cook. By invitation. 24-5518.

BOX HILL NORTH: Ron Mennie. Methodist Hall, Woodhouse Grove. 88-4834.

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

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

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

THORNHURST: (Trinity) (1st, 3rd and 5th), David Hooper, Trinity Hall, 5'tott St.—Enq. Edna and Jim Daniel (48-3693).

WEDNESDAY:

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

YOUTH HOSTELS, Wally Cook, Scout Hall, Ashgrove, East Malvern. 24-5518.

MALVERN: Youth Hostels. Wally Cook. Scouts Hall, Oak Grove, East Malvern, Last Wednesday. 24-5518.

THURSDAY:

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

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

ALTONA: David Hooper, Altona Youth Centre, Civic Parade. 397-6926.

FRIDAY:

BRIGHTON: Teenagers. Wally Cook. Congregational Hall, Lindsay Street. 24-5518.

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

BEAUMARIS HOTFOOTERS: Rod McCubbin. Fortnightly. 163 Dalgetty Road. 99-2267.

SEYMOUR: Ron Mennie, St. Marys Church Hall. 88-4834.

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: Jack Murphy, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Whitehorse Road, weekly. Whitehorse Club. 89-6971.

BOX HILL (St. Peter's Star): Ron Mennie. St. Peter's Church Hall, Whitehorse Road, Box Hill (next to Town Hall). 1st and 3rd Saturdays. 878-4042.

MILDURA: Every second Saturday. Nicholes Point Scout Hall. Caller, Brian Ewert. 3-0101.

KEYSBOROUGH: Recreation Hall, Cheltenham Road. Alternate Saturdays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.

FOOTSCRAY: Alternate Saturday. David Hooper, Scout Hall, Hyde Street (next Police Station). 397-6926.

CAMBERWELL: Singles in Society. Wally Cook. Cnr. Bourke and Mont Albert Roads, 1st Saturday. 24-5518.

BENTLEIGH: Wally Cook. Cnr. Centre and Marion Roads. 2nd Saturday. 24-5518.

MOORABBIN: Latter Day Saints. Wally Cook. Rowans Road. Last Saturday. 24-5518.

SHEPPARTON: 1st and 3rd Guide Hall. Corner Skene and Nixon Streets. Caller Bob Dickie. Phone 05-792-1041.

SUNDAY:

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

MOORABBIN. ROUND DANCE. Ron Whyte, 1st Sunday in month, 2 till 5 p.m. 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.

NEW SOUTH WALES 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

MONDAY:

PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel. Ron Jones, Old R.S.L. Hall, Rossmore Avenue. 70-7118.
DUNDAS: Allamanders, Vince Spillane, 1st and 3rd, Town Hall, Marsden Road. 630-4475.

TUESDAY:

ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's, St. John's Parish Hall, Bland Street. Callers: Russ Eastment, Terry Dodd. 798-5361.

NEWCASTLE: B-Bar-H, Garden Suburbs Community Hall, Prospect Road. Brian Hotchkies. 4-7608.

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

ROSE BAY: Blue Pacific. Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen, Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road. 32-5031.

LAKEMBA, CIRCLE 8, Scouts Hall, Earnest Street, Bev. Pickworth. 78-4166.

WEDNESDAY:

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

RHODES (A): Roy Welch, 2nd and 3rd, Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. 533-1161.

THURSDAY:

CLEMTON PARK: Wanderers Club. Roy Etherington. Scouts Hall, Shackell Avenue, Clemton Park. 57-5415.

RIVERWOOD RIVERSIDERS, Scouts Hall, Bonds Road (rear Total Garage). Bev. Pickworth 78-4166.

MIRANDA/GYMEA: Arthur Gates, Ken Joyce, 2nd Gynea Scout Hall, Gynea Bay Road. 57-7404, 525-3770.

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

FRIDAY:

EASTWOOD TOWN HALL, "Boomerang" Club, Agincourt Road, Marsfield. Callers, Jim Allan, Paul Johnston. 69-1142.

MIRANDA (ILLAWARRAS), Round Dancing, 2nd Fridays, 4th Fridays, Kindergarten Hall (opp. Station). Mabs and Pat Bourke, 524-3665, 31-3173.

NEWCASTLE: Brian Hotchkies, Mara Lynne Ballroom, 11, Belford Street, Broadmeadow. 4-1933 or 4-7608.

WOLLONGONG: Corrimal Presbyterian Church Hall, Princes Highway, Corrimal. Terry Dodd.

NEWCASTLE: "Sets and Steps," Henk Johannessen, National Park Ladies' Bowling Club, National Park Street, Hamilton. Phone 57-2771.

NEWPORT BEACH: Newport Surf Club. Wal Crichton. 982-5068.

RENDEZVOUS. Round dancing, 1st Friday, Kindergarten Hall, cnr. Dennison and Ebley Street, Bondi Junction. Les, Marge and Lucky. 32-5031.

SATURDAY:

1st SATURDAY: Air Force Memorial Bowling Club, Chendler Street, Rockdale. Supper provided. Bev. Pickworth. 78-4166.

BELMORE: 3rd Saturday, Scout Hall, Lark Street. 759-5330. Caller, Ron Jones.

BELMORE, SQUARE & ROUND CLUB (A), Scouts Hall, Lark Street. Bev. Pickworth, Avis and Jack Nimmo, 78-4166, 632-6685. Second Saturday month.

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

BUNDANOON: 2nd and 4th Saturdays. At Wingello Mechanics' Institute. 8 to 12.

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

MATTARA S.D. Club: John Dixon, Charlestown R.S.L. Hall. 4-2381, 4-1945.

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

SUNNYWOOD: Sunnywood Square Dancers. Public School. Ted Sams, c/o. Post Office, Cooranbong. 2265.

GREENWICH STARTIMERS A*. 1st Saturday, Community Centre Hall, Greenwich Road. 969-5292.

BEREAVEMENT

With deep regret we write about the untimely death by accident of David Meads in Perth on Wednesday, August 19.

David will be long remembered by all of us who knew him by his cheerful, happy-go-lucky ways.

To May and Fred Meads and their family we extend our heartfelt sympathies and want them to know that there are many square dancers who share their loss.

some of the friendly people from Dundas who joined in with everyone to make a very enjoyable night. Everyone would like to thank Tom, who did a marvellous job as a guest caller.

Next came the cabaret where everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously, what with a delicious supper and very fine callers.

Last, but not least was a visit by the Boomerangs to Dundas, where Jim and Paul did a terrific job of helping by calling.

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

Bob, Geoff, Ron, Alf, Vi. Happy birthday! Delph Sandover, England's only Promenader, scored high on New Faces. Chick and Val stayed home one Tuesday. Weak tea!

Our new dancers wear the Promenader label like a glove. We all seem to be out of the same happy mould. Just a few more weeks and Dawn will be back into the Round-ups. Good news!

NEWCASTLE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The popularity of the Newcastle Square Dance Club is growing more and more, still dancing five squares each Friday night. Plenty of good music (thanks to Brian) and lots of good friends among the members.

The committee is doing a good job by arranging outings and special nights and all are popular.

A Mad Hatter's Night proved most successful; everyone taking part and a lot of originality shown in the choice of hats. Prizes were won by Chris Broadbent (originality), Charlie Ogilvie (a real bottler); Chris Ogilvie for the feminine look.

A picnic day at Clarence-town was most enjoyable; the weather was kind, football, tug-o-war and swings were very popular. Care had to be taken in the paddocks. It didn't suit all the footballers, but for those who were thoughtful enough to bring along some corn bags, it paid dividends.

BLUE PACIFIC CLUB, ROSE BAY

Our thanks to Marion and (Continued Page 7)

SQUARE WHIRL

New South Wales Square Dance President, Secretary: Roy Petty, 759-5330. Ross Sinclair, 771-4956.

WANDERERS

Thanks goes to Jack and Yvonne who accompanied Jim McCracken from North Carolina on R. and R. leave, when he visited us on August 20. We all enjoyed dancing to Jim's calling. Poor Gwen was enjoying the Sir Francis Drake dance when she fell and, unfortunately, broke her wrist. Quite a few Wanderers had a pleasant evening on August 22 when they attended a kitchen tea in honour of Mirian and Rod. Best wishes for your future happiness, Mirian and Rod.

CIRCLE EIGHT NEWS

It's nice to see all our gang together again having cast off the 'flu germs, wogs, and what have you.

It was a swinging nite at the cabaret. We decorated our table in true spring flower style. We didn't win a prize, but we certainly helped brighten up the hall. Good effort, gang.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS SATURDAY

Looking forward to the Round-up Night on October 10 and our visitors from Newcastle. Our third Saturday continues to be a big night for the Promenaders. Let us repeat that this is not a closed

New South Wales Society's Diary of Coming Function for 1970 Society Xmas Dance, Wednesday, November 25th

private club. You don't have to ring, just show up. Congratulations to Russ and Val on their engagement.

RHODES SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Our party night in August was surely ladies' night! Eight spare men! Thanks, Noel, for your beautifully decorated birthday cake — it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Our hall looked so nice and festive — thanks, everyone for helping. Many thanks also to all our visitors and to the seven guest callers who, with Roy, gave us a swinging night. We also had the pleasure of welcoming our R. and R. friend, Jim McCracken from Vietnam.

DUNDAS PROMENADERS

Our Tom shot through one Wednesday. Many thanks to Jim and Paul for filling in. Visitors: Chris Rowlinson, Wheeling Eights; Kevin and Iris Leydon, Victoria. Return again, friends. Bill Smith had two cakes for his 21st birthday. Did you see our table at the cabaret? We still believe square dancing is Country and Western! Time is growing short, Alec! Bill and June settling in nicely! A happy pair.

ALLEMANDERS, DUNDAS

Allemanders enjoyed the company of visitors Pat and Barry and their charming daughter, Wendy, at their regular Club Night. No doubt

the presence of such skilful dancers gave everyone a lift.

Members were delighted to welcome Robyn and Michael back to the fold after their exciting trip abroad.

We missed Gwen's cheerful presence at our last meeting and wish her a speedy recovery.

MIRANDA/GYMEA

Making merry moments as always, a games afternoon of tennis, badminton, and table tennis was enjoyed by all at Eric and Heather Bradley's home, followed by a barbecue, smorgasbord and cake bake-off.

"Wanderer" Les Foreman strayed over for a swingy night with us.

Our fifth birthday was laced with gaiety and surprises: the party table groaned with goodies.

Saw many familiar faces amongst the visitors, including Les and Kath Heartel, guest caller Bill Sweetman. Thanks, Bill.

Punchbowl lost their Don Craine and his wife to us one night with Arthur G. absent. Thanks, Don for keeping things moving.

EASTWOOD BOOMERANGS

What with the cabaret at Auburn and visitors from Dundas, and our own return visit to Dundas, this month has turned out to be really exciting. Firstly, we had a visit from

SQUARE DANCE JEWELLERY

Name Plates, Ear-rings—fixed or pierced. Brooches, Cuff Links, Bola, Ties, Tie Jacks, Collar Corners.

Made from Paua Shell.

PRICES RANGE FROM \$1.65 TO \$4.45

Payable Cheques, Notes and Open Postal Notes. Order post free from . . .

BILL RIGBY

61 MALCOLM AVE., CHRISTCHURCH 2, NEW ZEALAND

WAY OUT WEST W.A. News

SWAN SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

We are seriously thinking of changing our name to the Swan Swingers Matrimonial Bureau. The wedding reported last month has been followed this month by the engagement of Laural Gilbert to Tony Covich, and certain observations I have made lead me to believe that there may be more to follow.

The demonstrations set has appeared at several functions, including a youth convention at the Government House Ballroom, and has been well received.

We are still maintaining steady attendances at our twice weekly dances.

WHITE GUM VALLEY SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Still maintaining 6-7 sets dancing and quite a few visitors. Latest being David Ingram, ex Blue Pacific, Rose Bay. Also welcome into our club, Chris and Pete Coulstock, who recently arrived in W.A. from England.

Apologies to Grace and Joan for not mentioning birthdays but congrats. to both. Thanks Swan Swingers Club for Car Rally, sorry more didn't turn up to enjoy themselves, those who attended voted it the greatest.

Quite a few shows coming up in near future.

R/E Square Dance Society officers in August Review should be: Publicity officer, Mr. R. F. Hastie; public relations officer, Mr. Bill Young-husband.

SUNDOWNERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The club is starting to pick up a lot now. We average approximately 5-6 sets each and every Tuesday night. On the 8th September we had a "Flower Power" night and our caller looked really with

it. Everybody really looked wild and way out, and had a great time. Thanks to John for our fabulous sign and for decorating our hall. Thanks to all you Square Dancers for coming and making these nights really worth while. Don't forget to bring you friends and relations to make our Club enjoy bigger and better nights. Not forgetting the 1971 Convention.

SHANONDOAH SQUARE DANCE CLUB

On the 6th August the Shanondoah Dancers together with members and friends held their first dance in a new hall in Belmont. All efforts were put into this night to make it a successful opening night and it truly was. The hall was decorated, Sandra made a special cake, a guest artist sang several songs and seven sets danced to Steven's calling. The press also took a photo which appeared in the West Australian. We hope to have many nights like the first one in the new hall and once again our thanks to all who supported our grand opening night.

SOUTHERN STARS, BUSSELTON

Graduation night September 25th for our learners' class. Everybody there but the Caller's wife, who got herself volunteered into a church concert. Well, you will alter dates, and I did ask if I could be excused. Con isn't the only one with talents. Gail has won a flower arranging contest, and will represent the district on October 11th. We all wish you luck Gail. Standard of dancing at our Club is now entering the GENERAL stage, and we can look forward to some very enjoyable evenings without many walk thru, especially with more dances like Good Old Summertime, and L.O.V.E.

N.S.W.:

ROUND DANCING

THE ILLAWARRA DANCERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM

1st SATURDAY EACH MONTH

SCOUT HALL, LARK STREET, BELMORE

MABS and PAT BOURKE

524-3665

NEW ZEALAND DIARY

WEDNESDAY:
DUNEDIN: WAGGON WHEEL CLUB, MacAndrew, Int. School Hall. Ken Willcocks. Phone Co. 890.
DUNEDIN: COUNTRY AND WESTERN SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Jim Donaldson, son. Phone 38039.
DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. Beginners. Phone 34-649.
SATURDAY:
DUNEDIN (A): Jim Donaldson's Country and Western Square Dance Club. 3-8039.
DUNEDIN: Hands Across The Sea, Arthur Street School Gymnasium, Arthur Street. 65-420, 66-022.

"KIWI CORNER"

WHANGAREI

We were proud of our dancers who joined the graduation parade at Hillsborough Club. It was good to be invited to link-up with this outstanding occasion, and a grand time was had by all. Our big "fun night" with Art Shepherd was an immense success. Grateful thanks went to all the visiting dancers, particularly those who had travelled from Christchurch.

We took the opportunity of making this our inaugural night for our new learners' group to operate each Wednesday.

AUCKLAND

HILLSBOROUGH CLUB

What a weekend! Friday night was reserved for dancers who had completed the first 75 basics, and Art Shepherd moved the dancers through the lot with faultless ease; it was surely a night to be remembered. Saturday morning a workshop . . . ah, just bliss! Saturday night — three levels, fun, intermediate and advanced. A capacity crowd of 300 filled the hall to ensure that the "thank you" message to Art Shepherd went through loudly and clearly.

The outstanding development of Hillsborough due to the assiduous efforts of Dennis Spackman, into whose eagerly receptive qualities the complete "know-how" was unstintingly fed by Art, must be very satisfying to these two avid supporters of square dancing.

HAWKES BAY (HASTINGS)

Lots of square dancing, travelling and an engagement

party. Congratulations go to secretary Adrienne Dalmon and Hugh Cooper. We do like these square dance romances. Several demonstrations have produced more members, so the picture is very bright indeed for our development in this area.

CHRISTCHURCH

Had a grand time with Russ and Dee Ainsworth from Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. Russ has been calling for 17 years and presently calls for two Seattle Clubs. Both Russ and Dee were pleased that "Sets in Order" doctrine has spread to New Zealand; said that it was just "like being at home". They enjoyed themselves so much that they altered their tour schedule to enable them to be in Auckland for the graduation weekend.

Whilst in Christchurch, Russ also called at a "One Night Fun Level Stand," much to the enjoyment of the large crowd present.

DUNEDIN

"SOUTHERN STAR" AND "HANDS ACROSS THE SEA"

Ray and Marie Englefield have completely sold members the idea of "Rounds" regularly in the programmes. As many appear to be planning to be on the scene at the convention, dancers are most appreciative of the opportunities to become familiar with this important facet of the square dance picture. The more one delves into these fascinating dances the overall enjoyment of a night's squaring increases. Thanks a lot, Ray and Marie, for your time and patience with us.

May one make a fleeting remark . . . "we're still faithful to the Hoedown" . . .

N.S.W.:

BLUE PACIFIC EVERY TUESDAY

(See Diary)

Callers: LES & LUCKY

32-5031

WEST AUSTRALIAN DIARY

TUESDAY:

THE SUNDOWNERS CLUB. Scouts' Hall, North Perth, Kevin Kelly. Weekly.

THURSDAY:

CARLISLE Square Dance Club: (8 to 1), Church Hall, cnr. Archer and Star Streets, CARLISLE. Weekly. Caller: STEPHEN TURNER.

FRIDAY:

SWAN Swingers, Jamaica Inn, Greenmount. Jeff Topping, Weekly.

SATURDAY:

WHITE GUM VALLEY Square Dance Club: (A), cnr. Stephen Street and Nannine Avenue. WHITE GUM VALLEY. Weekly. Caller, LES JOHNSON.

FOR INFORMATION ON ALL W.A. CLUBS, dial any of the following numbers:—

Mr. Donaldson — 50-4975 & Evening.

Mr. F. Nottley & 50-1061 — Day.

Miss D. Allard — 61-66274 — Evening.

Mr. K. Kelly — 5-4087 — Evening.

N.S.W.: **LEARN TO ROUND DANCE**
AT THE RENDEZVOUS
(See Diary)

32-5031

SQUARE WHIRL
(Continued from Page 5)

Will for such a beautiful barbecue afternoon at their home to help our new dancers improve their standard.

Wedding bells will be ringing for Margaret Kane in October. The lucky man comes from Newcastle. We, unfortunately, will be losing her as she will be making her home there, but we feel sure it will not be too long before they are squaring it up at the Newcastle Clubs.

OCEAN WAVES, NEWPORT

Closed our club for the Francis Drake night, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. It was great to have an evening of mixed dancing with Arthur Gates and guest callers; mustn't forget the mixed drinking and gambling, too. Our thanks to Tom and Nita Hardy for all their organisation.

Enjoyed the cabaret; nice not to have to take along a plate and thermos; supper was good. The highlight of our evening was the first prize for the best decorated table. A great big "thanks" to Edna Rigby and Grace Thomason who designed, made and set up the table.

SQUARE AND ROUNDS, BELMORE

Congratulations to Jim White on his recent engagement to Nell Eden. They will be married in December. Wedding in Brisbane and back to Sydney for the reception and then off to Fiji Islands for their honeymoon.

Happy holiday to Jack and Avis who are off to Fraser Island. As they had to hire two boats and two lorries to take their gear across, we only hope Avis didn't leave any "bags" behind as it is a real island paradise without any mods. or cons.

PROMENADERS' CAR TRIAL

It was a damp start for the Promenaders' Car Trial, but Mother Nature smiled on us. A beautiful day enjoyed by all. Starter, Geoff Gow, layout men, Tom Mc and Bob Milli-

gan and fire builders Tom and Chick McGrath were relieved and happy to see that everyone was pleased with the day, plus a small sum donated to the society. Winners: Mick and Eileen Darbin. Low man prize, Maurie Douglas. Congratulations.

RIVERWOOD SWINGING EIGHTS

Note our new name. Congratulations, Muriel and Tom who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. May they have many more. Tom recently broke his ankle. We wish him back soon.

Kerry and Kevin Hicks have moved into their new home.

Kath Hewitt who danced with Bernie Kennedy's Dancers, is back from Queensland.

Kevin Leydon's calling was enjoyed by all. Iris and Kevin and family are from Victoria.

A visit from the stork to Joan and Ron Kemp—Andrew Charles — another dancer for Riverwood.

MEMORIES

'Twas about this time some weeks ago I thought that with my friend I'd go

To a square dance that was held in town, Where the couples there twirled around and around. I found myself inside the door,

And saw before me a wooden floor,

Where couples of four did amazing things

While the caller yelled something about rings.

My confidence left me pretty quick,

And I made up my mind by my friend I'd stick;

You wouldn't catch ME doing a thing like that,

So by the wall I just sat!

As things happened this wasn't to be,

For someone came over to speak to me,

Her name was Val and I wouldn't forget

The friendliness she showed when we met.

All of a sudden, "Up form a Square,"

I looked around with a puzzled stare,

And as I headed for the door I found myself pushed on the floor!

The others were kind to me— (A beginner I was — they could see)

"You'll never learn by sitting down"

They said when they saw my worried frown.

Then it happened. "Bow," he said,

It was then I wished that I was dead,

He gabbled on in a foreign tongue,

And the square dance had now begun!

To the bloke on the stage I stole a glance,

As to the rhythm he began to prance,

But not too long — there'd be a fuss

And someone whispered his name was Russ.

He then said something about a "left allemande,"

And someone grabbed me by the hand,

And then a word like lemonade

Which since I've learned is "Promenade."

My progress here was slow at first,

But then I stopped to think the worst.

When, just by chance, I happened to do

A funny step called a "square through".

Today I think I've got the knack

Even when the girls "Turn back"

And, even though I feel a clown,

I think it's fun when we "go down."

Thus was my meeting with Val and Russ,

And now I want to make a fuss!

Now I know why Russ wants to sing

For on Val's finger I see a ring.

The engagement was a lovely surprise,

(Although I should have known by the stars in Val's eyes)

So congratulations to the pair

Who with me patiently did bear!

LYN WILSON, Orbit Eights.

NEWSBEAT

Are you interested in a story about a S.A. square dancer golfer (lady) who has been taking four other members out to the course to teach this time-honoured game, and substituted a trick golf ball made of soap. When this disintegrated amid a flurry of soap flakes, our coach looked us straight in the eyes and said she'd never known anyone to cut a ball in halves before.

Wonder what the greenkeeper thought when he found froth and bubble on the 4th hole after a shower of rain?

THANK YOU

Thank you to Frances and Ron Jones and all our friends in the Waggon Wheel Club for the flowers and words of comfort during my illness and sad loss of our baby daughter.

MAY and RAY TILLEY.

CONVENTION 71 CO-DRIVER

Fully qualified mechanic offers his services as co-driver and share expenses from Sydney to Perth '71 Convention. Interested parties please contact Wal Stewart, 12 Maxwell Road, Austinmer, N.S.W. 2514.

HEALTH TEST

Hold this paragraph close to your nose and breathe on it. If it turns green, call your doctor. If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist. If it turns red, cease immediately. Black? Call your lawyer and make a will.

If it remains the same, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth why you should not visit Rose Bay on Tuesday, November 3 for their Society Night. Always a good show.

THE CABARET

It was thought the decorated tables were fabulous and were the best ever seen. A lot of thought and effort had been put into them. "Save the Barrier Reef" was very clever; the "Flower People" timed their effort very well to coincide with the Hippy invasion of the Isle of Wight. However, Promenaders, your country theme displaying the authentic Mexican "rig" (a saddle to those who read Westerns), the authentic lanterns as toted by the late Edward

(Continued Page 8)

N.S.W.:
3rd ANNUAL PROMENADER ROUND-UP
DUNDAS TOWN HALL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1970, 8 P.M.
EVERYBODY WELCOME
Tea provided. Callers: TOM and GUESTS
FUN — PRIZES — FUN

N.S.W.:
Belmore Ramblers
Every Fourth Saturday at Scout Hall
LARK STREET, BELMORE
PUNCHBOWL WAGGONWHEELS
Old R.S.L. Hall, Rossmore Avenue
Every Monday. Standard: General
70-7118. Caller: Ron Jones.

Letter to the Editor

Sir, — I was disappointed to read an article by "Disgusted Mable" in the August issue of Square Dance Review.

"Disgusted Mable" complains that ladies without partners insist on being first up in the round-up every time. I had thought after the many arguments and upsets that caused dozens of single people to leave square dancing in Sydney some two or three years ago because of the thoughtless nastiness of some married couples, that this article would not have been published. Yes, we do need courtesy and one of the courtesies is for the married people to be equally courteous to the single ones. During the fracas two years ago a very interesting fact became evident and this was that the married women who were complaining about the single women always being first in the round-up came under two categories.

Firstly, they were either the dawdlers who never got up quickly and who delayed everyone from dancing. Secondly, some of the strongest objectors had husbands who were not dancing and they, therefore, created the situation where the married woman with her non-dancing partner was preventing the single woman from dancing. The point I make is that in most clubs the problems are not what they seem.

I would prefer to say to "Disgusted Mable": "Why be so indignant?" Let us forget about these trivialities. One of the most wonderful things about square dancing in Australia is that it is a mixed couples and singles pastime. Ask American visitors whether this is so over there and you will be surprised at their answer.

When square dancing was introduced in Australia 15 years ago a very simple rule was introduced. The rule was that any person, male or female, who missed out on the round-up in one bracket, automatically without question would go to the head of the round-up during the next bracket. If this rule is strictly obeyed then we have no problems. Square dancing is fun. Let us not have it ruined by discrimination.

— JIM WHITE.

CO-ED'S NOTE:

Upon re-reading Mabel's article I cannot see where Mabel indicates she is married!



N.S.W.:

Boomerang Square Dance Club

AGINCOURT ROAD — MARSFIELD

EASTWOOD TOWN HALL

8-11 EVERY FRIDAY

Dear Editor:

In reply to "Mabel" (dear, do you mind if I delete the first half of your nom-de-plume; it can't be as bad as all that, surely?). I respect your point of view, but remind you us menfolk have our problems, too. It works in reverse to yours and applies especially to we old codgers. Just because a few of us (you're included, Fred) still retain a head of hair and it's of its original colour, that we have the appearance of one half our age and we look healthy and silly enough, does not mean to say our legs are in the same condition. After toting you dance fanatic women around all night, up practically every bracket, by the end of the night we've had it and the strain is slowly wearing us out. The sorry truth is while you women are still getting dressed up to go to a square dance we'll be prematurely wheeled around in some squeaky wheel chair in some old men's home..

We're not complaining. It's generally conceded it's a woman's world, presuming you are missing out a little on the S.D. floor (only because you outnumber us) it's all you do miss out on — the percentages are still all yours.

Nevertheless, "Mabel," I must rally in your defence and in reply to Jim White where he states that a blow-up some time ago caused dozens of single dancers to quit the S.D. floor. Wot dramatics — wot rot; the alleged rumble didn't even register .0001 on my seismograph. Such statements can only be classified as extracts from Grimm's Story Books. Same writer, same book goes on to say and suggests that anyone missing out on a bracket should go to the top of the round-up next time. It looks good on paper, but doesn't work — you have to be gamer than Dave (of Goliath fame) to pussyfoot it up to the head of round-up amid all the glares, stares and sneers. It's much safer to take your chances down the line and hope the caller may reverse the round-up.

Thank you for your space, Mr. Editor — in conclusion, happy dancing everyone.

"BILLY THE DANCER."

ANSWER TO LYNETTE BAILDON

The article by Lynette on team frocking was incorrect inasmuch as it has given readers the impression that the dresses worn by square dance teams are COPIED from ballroom style frocks.

These frocks were developed over a period of years by experimentation. The first of these frocks was worn at the last Newcastle convention and the ideas incorporated in later team frocks and underskirts with more material being added. That they are similar to ballroom we freely admit, but to say that they were copied after all the work we had developing this style of frock is nothing more than a mis-statement.

Why these frocks were developed to give more flow and cut out excessive dancer movement is another story. We are, however, always on the lookout for styles to suit our purpose, so if any dancer would like to send us some designs of frocking, we would certainly look them over. After all, it is easy to stand on the side and criticise but very different to get up and produce yourself.

Further, these frocks are for exhibitions and competitions and not for general square dancing. On their club night these girls wear what most others wear—MINI SKIRTS.

RON JONES.

TASMANIAN TOPICS

LAUNCESTON

Very successful fund-raising night recently. Thanks to all who gave their time and money so freely. As a result, we were able to present Maureen with a cheque for \$51.50.

Flu bug has been about and we are pleased to see May Neville and Nellie Kool back with us again after a visit from him.

TASSIE TWIRLERS, KINDRED

Family night held during school holidays, with everyone

bringing along their families. The younger ones enjoyed the Mexican Hat Dance and some easy squares.

Looking forward to Launceston's Septemberfest this month.

Ever seen a caller hobbled? Have to ask Launceston's Colin Smith whether it is the latest fashion or not! About 11 dancers visited Launceston Club last month for an enjoyable night.

BURNIE: TEXAS STARS

Birthday party night date changed from 3rd October to 10th October.

NEWSBEAT (continued from Page 7)

Kelly, the hay; its sweet aroma which filled the hall — the typical garb as worn by the Dancing Jill and Jackaroos. Best you stick away up in the loft. What do you think it is — Country and Western? — did you think it was square dancing?

NEWS FROM N.Z.

Art Shepherd advises that their fifth annual convention will be held 23rd, 24th, 25th October at Christchurch and extends a cordial invitation to all. He reports also a Californian caller, Bill Jonas and his wife, Adele, are expected to take up permanent residence in Wellington early next year. Here's the big one — Art reports a group tour to the Perth Convention is well along in the planning stage.

FROM MELBOURNE

Some Melbourne callers are thinking of advertising for men only. Apparently there has been a rush with ladies without partners since their recent publicity.

One such caller had quite a harem at one beginners' night, all good dancers, too. Maybe we can do a swap interstate. The callers have never had it so good.

COLLAROY PLATEAU

After nine happy years it has been decided to hold the final dance at the Progress Hall on September 25 and re-open on Friday, October 16 at the Presbyterian Church Hall, 86 Greenwich Road, Greenwich, where a new name will be chosen for the club. In addition to the Collaroy members, beginners are being invited to come along and visitors will be very welcome to launch the club in its new location.

TASMANIA DIARY

LAUNCESTON: Wednesdays, 31-1563. Heather Hall, Newstead, Penquite Road.
KINDRED TASSIE TWIRLERS: Alternate Wednesdays. Graeme Whiteley (Forth 28-2117).
BURNIE: Texas Stars, Fridays, A.P.P.M. Service Building, Marine Tce. Max Yould, 31-1696.