

# SOUTH PACIFIC SQUARE DANCE REVIEW

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AND  
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DANCING

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## A CALLER'S POINT OF VIEW

### THERE'S ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

"No one is so wise that he cannot become wiser." This little bit of logic becomes more evident every time we take a close look at our daily activities and realise how much room there is for improvement. The other day a friend was telling me that it had taken him ten minutes to shave each morning. One morning, when he was late for work, he found that he could shave in two minutes and it hasn't taken him much longer than that ever since.

I believe that everyone who is progressive in their thinking is constantly looking for and finding ways of improving their activities. And at the same time, are enjoying a great deal of satisfaction in the accomplishment of this success.

As a caller I see much room for improvement within myself. When I undertake a change for improvement and come up with the desired result, it makes me realise that I could have made this change many years ago and could be much further ahead today had I acted sooner.

All of us, callers and dancers alike, have room for improvement. We're not all the same, so what is found to be lacking in one is found in abundance in another — and vice versa. Due to lack of space, I can't give you a check list of possibilities for improvement, but just to name a few, let's start with dancing.

Are you dancing? By this, I mean, moving to the rhythm of the music, every moment you are in the square? Even if you are not an active couple, you should be moving, maybe just swaying, in rhythm to the music. If you are not con-

scious of rhythm and not able to promenade or otherwise move in rhythm, you can learn very quickly with an assist from your caller or another dancer.

How is your listening? Listening ability can easily be improved by concentration on what is being called and putting stray thought from your mind.

How is your knowledge of destination? Can you circle half-way round and do just that, no more and no less? How's your knowledge of fractions? Can you turn half way with the right-three-quarters by the left? Can you do a slide-thru and make the necessary one-quarter turns when you don't have someone holding your hand?

How's your courtesy, enthusiasm, appreciation, consideration, personal hygiene, friendliness and so on and so on? These few suggestions, I'm sure, will only serve to bring to mind many, many more which you will be able to supply and accomplish. The best part of all this is that every time we improve ourselves it brings us, and all our friends, a greater degree of satisfaction and enjoyment.

— WALLY COOK

## A BEGINNER'S MESSAGE

We went square dancing just for fun,  
Along with cups and a tea cake bun.  
The people were friendly, happy and bright,  
Willing to help us enjoy our night.  
Learning our movements was a bit of a chore,  
Fascinated we went back for more.  
Party atmosphere was cheerful and gay,  
One just had to respond that way.  
Why don't you join us? Start living your life,  
Forget about all the cares and strife.  
Don't be a square, be a dancer instead,  
Put insomnia out of your bed.

Hope to see you there,  
DOROTHY MANNING.

14th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION  
21st, 22nd, 23rd APRIL, 1973  
NEWCASTLE, N.S.W.

Great Hall, University of Newcastle, Rankin Drive, Shortland.  
City Hall, King Street, Newcastle.

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33 Main Road,  
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## SQUARE DANCERS OF THE MONTH

Quite often at a convention or after a convention, square dancers come up to me and want to know a particular caller's name. Almost all callers and leaders in square dancing stand out from everyone else by the impression they leave on the general square dancer's mind. This can be an intentional gimmick or put on or completely unintentional — "them just being themselves". Some of the callers should hear some of the descriptions of themselves that I hear. "Mostly good fellas!" So, if someone was to come up to me and describe the caller who always stands out as a gentleman, I'd know right away they mean the caller half of our square dance couple of the month. From New South Wales:

ROY and BARBARA WELCH.

Roy's dancing experience goes right back to the age of six when he learned tap dancing, ballet and choreography. At 16, he started learning ballroom dancing and was teaching ballroom dancing at local studios for several years. And it was in 1952 that he began square dancing. Barbara began square dancing around 1962. Roy has been a member of the Belmore Club (one of Sydney's oldest clubs) all this time as well as having belonged to clubs run by Erine O'Daley and Gary Cohen in the past.

In fact, Gary started the Rhodes Club and ran it for four years and since Roy has taken it over, Roy has run the club for nine years. He also called for the Newport Club for a number of years and runs the Lugarno Club. Roy has visited America, in 1970 and 1971, and danced in many places to many callers. Barbara started square dancing when she worked for Roy as his Girl Friday. Roy is a very good businessman as well as a caller, having started his own blacksmith business in 1952, and also as of now has a business specialising in horseshoe manufacture only. He is on the board of directors of three companies.

Barbara has three children and Roy has two — "second marriage for each." Roy's son, David, is well known to Sydney dancers because he was a member of the best competition team

Australia has ever seen, "The Waggon Wheels." Of Barbara's three, only Paul still lives at home. He is a model aeroplane fan and amazes your writer with his knowledge of all the older type planes. Barbara's hobbies are gardening, sewing, cooking — just the thing a working girl loves to do when she finally gets out of the office.

Roy played baseball with the St. George Club for 19 seasons, and umpired for four more. His hobbies now are mainly square dancing and his calling and round dancing.

Roy has served as secretary and vice president of the Square Dance Society of N.S.W. and has been chairman of the N.S.W. Callers' Advisory Committee for many years.

Perhaps because Roy has been involved in square dance longer than Barbara our article seems to mainly feature him. "We all know that behind every man there is a woman." Our information on Barbara has been very skimpy I'll admit. But this does not subtract from the very realistic fact that she is a tremendously nice person and they do work as a very good team for square dancing. I have pointed it out before and am not ashamed to point it out again that square dancing only survives because of the extra efforts put into it by people like our square dancers of the month.

## THE ONE NIGHT SHOW --- IS IT SQUARE DANCING?

For some time now, I have felt there is something wrong with the "image" of square dancing presented at one night "fun" shows. During the past few years I have conducted many of these programmes yet I can't think of anyone recruited to the ranks of regular club dancers as a result, although towards the end of these evenings I normally give a "soft" plug for another similar night or a club catering for beginners in the area. Interest is usually shown but the end result is zero.

Almost without exception these nights, from the point of view of those attending, have been very successful. They have had "fun" and they have been led to believe that square dancing is easy. Is this the picture we want to present? To try and forestall this impression I have recently begun to say, early in the proceedings, something along the lines of the following:

"Well, tonight I feel I am here under false pretences. You think I am going to teach you to square dance, but I am afraid I can't do that in three hours. I probably couldn't even do it if we all came back one night a week for the next couple of months. But what I hope to do tonight is help you enjoy yourselves dancing to square dance music, and doing a few of the easy, basic square dance movements . . ."

Of course, square dancing can give continuing "fun" (through correct performance) and square dancing is relatively easy to learn, with "learn" being the key word. But are people interested in regular participation in something which, to them, means an occasional evening of (hilarious) fun with minimum mental effort on their part? I definitely avoid the "hard sell" on square dancing, but is there something we can do at "one night shows" to gain new club dancers? Not that I expect miracles. If each of these nights produced one new couple to square dancing I would consider this fantastic.

Even now, I obviously consider "one night shows" worthwhile or I wouldn't accept them. There is always the hope that maybe tonight you will recruit a new dancer for your own or someone else's club. Also these nights usually pay much better than regular clubs and the extra income helps to subsidise advertising, etc., for callers' more legitimate square dance activities. Then there's the boost to one's ego when a bunch of smiling faces tell you what a fantastic night they've had and what a wonderful job you've done! (This doesn't always happen at club nights). And, of course, it does take a lot of skill to handle a one night show. While no apparent gains to square dancing may be forthcoming, irreparable harm could be done to the movement by an inexperienced and/or tactless and/or impatient caller.

Well, what do other callers think? Should we look on "one night shows" as being completely divorced from our club activities or is there some way clubs can gain from them? Do "one night shows" degrade the image of square dancing by presenting it as not requiring much ability or skill and therefore not worth the effort of further participation? Should a caller treat the night as the first session of a beginners' class, trying to develop smooth dancing and correct execution of movements at the risk of killing the night's fun he is expected (and paid) to provide? Would we (callers) help square dancing more by playing "hard to get" and not accepting bookings other than those with prospects of becoming permanent clubs?

What do dancers think? Are there any of you now involved in the activity who began as a direct result of attending a genuine 'one nighter' as distinct from an introductory beginners' night? If so, tell us how this happened. It may help to attract others.

—KEVIN LEYDON.

N.S.W.:

### The Blue Pacific ANNUAL PARTY NIGHT

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TUESDAY, 24th OCTOBER, 1972

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Caller: Terry Dodd

**EDITORIAL**

The men have kindly offered me the Editorial spot, but they are not as generous as they seem, since I intended to have my say anyhow, it being my turn!

We hope the last issue turned out all right, we were a man short, our main staff member being away sick, I had to do his work — didn't realise you had so much to do, Bill — makes one wonder what this "BOSS" bloke really does, I think it's time we had an investigation !!

Business is very good and things going along smoothly. We have increased our sales interstate by 200 copies and without knowing all about N.S.W. — we do know of one club who have increased membership 150 percent. This can only mean one thing, square dancing is on the "UP AND UP".

It was pleasing to see Queensland present such a very healthy financial statement. There were a few cracks made at Eric Wendell as he passed through on his Southern Tour, about his expensive brand of cigars! His beautiful hand-made shirt! His new gold watch and chain! (Hope to see you when you return to Sydney, Dot and Eric). However, good luck to Queensland, now they have something for their "PIGGY BANK".

The big news of the month is (we are keeping our fingers crossed that it eventuates) we expect a party of touring American dancers, with big names such as WALLY SCHULTZ, BOB VAN ANTWERP, JONNY LE CLAIR. They are expected for the Newcastle Convention. WOW! How about that for a line up? Then later in the year we hope to have the BURDICKS (from overseas also) — hope they bring JERRY HAAG, as he is my favourite pin-up boy! So all in all, '73 should really SWING !!

Watch next issue for our mystery guest Editorial writer.  
Cheers Dears,

NOELENE GOW.

**LA RONDE (The Round Dancer)**

From all centres come reports of good progress in the round dance field, and it goes without saying, this also means added enjoyment in square dancing, too, for it makes for better dancing, more variety in programming and greater dancer participation.

Arthur Gates, at his Miranda - Sutherland Club has undertaken a rounds teaching session. This idea is paying dividends with club members showing excellent progress in the short time the scheme has been working. The grape vine tells me some splendid dancers are starting to come to light at this club. Congratulations on the good work, folks — keep it up.

By the time this article reaches your club, most Sydney dancers will know the "Rendezvous" Round Dance Club has a new address — 93 Roscoe Street, Bondi — the Iluka Centre. The club has been steadily increasing in numbers and this modern studio-hall will be much appreciated by the dancers.

Conveners and their committees at recent conventions must all have had a

hard look at the necessity of providing for various panels, etc., simultaneously and proper time MUST be allowed for each section. This is well put in a recent article by Jim White. Most of us are bored by the tedious details of constitutions, etc., but we must ever be grateful to the men like Jim White, who have the know-how and patience to give us a sound and sensible framework for our dancing to run smoothly.

"Jealousy" is a wonderful piece of music and there must be hundreds of musical arrangements of this number. In our R/D on the Grenn label under the title "Tango Manita" is one of the finest renditions I have ever heard. Many of our newer round dancers are anxious to learn this dance. When teachers do review this, participants should take particular note of the TANGO HOLD firstly and then the TANGO FOOTWORK to follow. Do this and you will be well rewarded with the enjoyment of "Tango Manita" and it will cease to be "just another two step".

Happy dancing,

—LUCKY.

**ROUND UPS AND SQUARE UPS**

TOM McGRATH

It is very hard to write an article on Round Ups and Square Ups without falling into the trap of appearing to be against one or the other.

And it is just as hard to favour either method because they both have their bad side. Why? Because, my friends, you are dealing with people and people are different. When the old cowpoke wants a round up he just gets on his trusty hoss and makes them cattle go where he wants them to. Or a brick-layer can square up a brick wall and make those bricks go where he wants them to. But when the caller calls for a round up and looks at a 100 women on one side and a half dozen men on the other. Or calls for a square up and watches rigged squares step out onto the floor and receives the fixed glares of those people who couldn't find a square to get into. "Well! So what to do?"

I once received a very long letter about square dancing here before the round ups. The idea was that you had your own square and went to every dance as a square. Danced only with your square all night. And if one person couldn't make it, the other seven stayed home that night. Also you could sell tickets to each dance limiting the crowd to two men for every one lady. I'm sure that if all the ladies wanted to dance you could round half of the men up into the round up. This is, of course, providing there is no-one in the round up that is a well-known goofer. They are bottle-necks also. The American system for squaring up is that you ask someone to dance — a lady can ask a man. Then you step into the nearest square forming up closest to you. It is bad manners to walk past a square needing a couple to get into another square. And when that square needing a couple has Mr. Well-

Known Goofer in it, good manners usually flies out the window. It takes a particular brand of courage, that most of us haven't got to knowingly step into a square that we know will break down as soon as the caller puts the record on. I've seen it quoted that our overseas visitors liked the round ups; what wasn't added, was that they also said their couples clubs would not go for it all night, because they could see where ladies who came with partners were missing out on dancing. There is always the husband who will sit one out if his wife doesn't push him into getting up. Let us face up to it, the men are not as keen as the ladies to dance all night.

The idea of round ups and square ups at a big dance is good. It is an honest attempt to please everyone. To this I would also add couple round ups. Every square dancer loves to square dance. Our main problem is how to form the squares in a manner that does not hurt anyone's feelings. The answer is: "It cannot be done." Because here in Australia we try to run our clubs on the basis that everybody is welcome. We do not turn down people without partners. We try to have every dancer dance with everyone during a full night. We try to discourage cliques. We try to live up to our motto "That square dancing is fun for everyone." We have put a big load on our shoulders and are bound to run into problems and the only way out as far as I can see, in regard to round ups versus square ups, is a quote from Colin Crompton: "Think of the other dancers before a couple has Mr. Well-yourself."

**STORK TALK N.S.W.**

To Julie and Alec Reid a baby daughter.

**DUNDAS EVERY WEDNESDAY**

(See Diary)

Caller: TED THOMAS

871-5225

**NEWCASTLE CONVENTION ROUNDS**

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ROUNDS: KON TIKI and DANCING SHADOWS.

## VICTORIAN JOTTINGS

### HAPPY VALLEY

We all enjoyed Harold Saligari's birthday. Nice to see Carol Hansford back from overseas. Charlie and Rene, Max and Joan away on holidays. Looking forward to our annual Melbourne High Night, Friday, October 27, this will be the 14th, and all proceeds are in aid of the school. Beginners will have special attention. See you there!

### SUNNYSIDE

What a nice surprise to have our old friends, Bev and Jess Pickworth, come from Sydney to attend our cabaret, their stay was short, but we look forward to another visit next year. Other visitors this month were Graeme and Val Busch from Mildura and Christine Jordan from S.A. Thanks to Ken and Ralph for calling while Ron and Ella attended their son's wedding.

### MOORABBIN

Norm and Chris Clark are back, after 18 days to come from Queensland, owing to the petrol shortage. Alma has also returned from her Canadian trip. Recent visitors were the Knott family from Adelaide, and John and Dorothy Millard.

Special visitors this month were Eric and Dot Wendell, we had a very pleasant week with this popular couple from Queensland.

### YOUTH HOSTELS

The boys report that they are having a great time up at Alice Springs and will be back in time for the September dance. What a big crowd during August, the school holidays brought a lot of our school teacher members out; just as well some of their pupils couldn't see them in action on the dance floor. Ian and Kevin did a fine job in helping Wally during the committee's absence at Alice.

### WHITEHORSE CLUB

Most of our members attended the Sunnyside cabaret and Valetta's square dance dinner. Thanks to these clubs for two most enjoyable nights.

Thanks also to Merv and Thelma Groves and their friends who recently spent a night teaching us round dancing.

The second beginners class for the year commenced on September 12.

Congratulations to Sue and Lyn who celebrated their 21st Birthdays in August.

### SUNNYSIDE CABARET

Our 12th annual square dance cabaret and dinner dance was held this year at the Malvern Town Hall, this was very successful as we had more dancing room and more tables. Our thanks to the callers and their dancers who attended, also to the demonstrators of the Vic. callers and their wives, the Moorabbin Younger Set for their marching demo, and Whirlaways for their very fine exhibition.

A special welcome was extended to Bev and Jess Pickworth, from Sydney, and Christine Jordan from S.A.

361 were in attendance, the Hanson family were responsible for the table and stage decorations, our thanks to all who helped make our night a very happy and successful one.

— RON AND ELLA WHYTE.

### ALTONA

Together with Footscray and Thornbury dancers we are eagerly awaiting our combined weekend away at Sorrento in November. A committee has been selected to do the programming and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

Footscray's third birthday ("Frontier Night") was very successful and enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Parer for donation of an occasional table as 1st prize in our special effort for Miss Square Dancer, and to Emme and Trish for their donation of 2nd and 3rd.

### EASTERN EIGHTS

A good month has just gone by with plenty of dancers, a roaring fire and a few beginners who are coming along nicely.

We hope to have them well established by the time Square Dance Week comes along at the end of September.

Thanks to the people who donated (and those who bought), our white elephant night went off well. All proceeds to Yooralla.

### VALETTA

A pleasant surprise the other night when some of our friends from Mildura, Graham, Val, Ron and Yvonne dropped in on us; we had a great night. Happy birthdays were celebrated at the club by Lisa McFarland and Ruby Moore; Ruby is off the Cold Duck until after the ball. We are expecting Eric and Dot Wendell from Brisbane, and Sue McInnis and her mother, Shirley, from Toowoomba down in time for the ball.

### SINGLES IN SOCIETY

Henry Overall has become so keen he has now started dancing over at Valetta along with George, Jill, Ada, Beatrice, Harry and Phil. Our October dance has been moved forward a week to September 30 at Balwyn. A weekend at Mt. Martha is planned for October and the bookings are now open. See Noella for details. Christmas night, Saturday, December 2.

### BOX HILL NEWS

School holidays saw a change of scene this month. While some of the regulars went bush, our teenagers on hol's took their place. What luck if we could all make it together! Say September 26, our 8th birthday. V.S.D.A. meeting and dance was terrific, though crowded. Square Dance Week will see us dancing at Forrest Hill shopping centre, Kew Promotions dance and Showgrounds.

### DANDENONG — SWINGIN' SAINTS

Newlyweds, Helen and Keith Paxton danced with us recently, the first time for many months. Also happy to see Helen, David, Jenny and Phillip back again. We would like many more of the old faces to return and to this end ran a "Reunion Night" on September 10.

### CAMBERWELL

Good to see Bid Neale back from Sydney. Welcome visit from Don Head, Eric Brown and friends. Thanks to our ladies for cheerful help at supper time. 30 of our group looking forward to the Valetta Square Dance Dinner. A large group of our dancers thoroughly enjoyed Ella and Ron Whyte's Cabaret.

### KEYSBOROUGH

Gladys Fellett is threatening to buy caller Kevin Leydon a time switch to cut off power to his equipment after a bracket has been running for ten minutes. The provision of a "cuppa" at supper time is proving popular.

## VICTORIA DIARY

### MONDAY:

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

### TUESDAY:

BOX HILL NORTH: Ron Mennie. Methodist Hall, Woodhouse Grove. 88-4834.  
CARNEGIE: Valetta. Scout Hall, Mimosa Street. Wally Cook. 24-5518.  
CAMBERWELL: Les Schroder, Football Pavilion, Camberwell Road. 69-4921.  
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte. 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.  
THORNBURY: (Trinity) (1st, 3rd and 5th), David Hooper, Trinity Hall, Y'ott St.—Enq. Edna and Jim Daniel (48-3693).

### WEDNESDAY:

MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte, 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.  
MALVERN: Youth Hostels. Scout Hall, Oak Grove. Last Wednesday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.  
BOX HILL: Jack Murphy, St. Andrew's Pres. Hall, White Horse Road. 89-6971.

### THURSDAY:

CAULFIELD (Round Dance): Edna Batchelor, Tennis Club Hall, Balacava Road. 53-5763.  
BOX HILL: Ron Mennie. Private. Beginners. 88-4834.

### FRIDAY:

FRANKSTON: Eric Clarke. Fortnightly. Balcombe Street. 783-2792.  
BEAUMARIS HOTFOOTERS: Rod McCubbin. Fortnightly. 163 Dalgetty Road. 99-2267.

### SATURDAY:

CAULFIELD: Sunnyside. Ron Whyte. St. Catherine's Church Hall, Kooyong Rd., near Glenhuntly Rd. 95-1496.  
CAMBERWELL: Singles in Society, cnr. Bourke and Mont Albert Roads, 1st Saturday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.  
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, 3rd and 5th Saturdays. 878-4042.  
KEYSBOROUGH: Recreation Hall, Cheltenham Road. Alternate Saturdays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.  
RINGWOOD: Eastern Eights. Allan Droscher. 1st Ringwood Scout Hall, Bedford Road, 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 231-1370.  
SHEPPARTON: Bob Dickie, alternate Saturdays, Railway Hall, next Railway Station. 05-792-1041. Phone 05-792-1041.  
MILDURA: St. Andrew's Church Hall, Deakin Ave. 2nd and 4th Sats.  
NIDDRIE: Community Centre, Mathew Ave., off Keilor Rd. Alternate Saturdays. Beginners. 89-3090.

### SUNDAY:

DANDENONG: St. Mary's Catholic Hall, corner Foster and Langhorne Streets. Alternate Sundays. Kevin Leydon. 792-9503.  
ROUND DANCE, 1st Sunday in month. Ron and Ella Whyte, 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.

**VICTORIAN JOTTINGS V.S.D.A. NEWS**

The third annual general meeting of the V.S.D.A. has now proved that we have outgrown the Malvern Masonic Hall, and will have to find a larger venue for next year. A large number of dancers attended this popular function, where the following office-bearers were elected:

- President: D. Head.
- Vice-pres.: H. Ayling.
- Secretary: M. Brown.
- Treasurer: R. Lilly.

In addition, several committee members were elected in an endeavour to obtain a wider representation of clubs at committee meetings.

The next function is the International Square Dance Week dance with very little to follow until the new year.

**SUNRAYSIA**

Congratulations to Ray and Denise on the safe arrival of Rodney John. Cheerio to Julie, off on a working holiday to New Zealand. Dances still 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8 p.m. Any visitors to the district wishing to dance, should contact Ron Paton, phone, 24-5681.

**W.A. NEWS**

**GIDGI SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

Well, we are still having lots of fun although Bill, our caller, has been out of action for two weeks — glad to see him back this week. Most of our regular dancers are maintaining a good standard of dancing.

**RIVERSIDERS**

Our Hootenanny proved successful, callers provided non-stop dancing for 100 dancers on the floor. Thanks to visitors for helping the evening go with a swing.

In belief that noise level drives dancers away, caller has agreed to lower tempo where possible, comments from dancers support the theory. Riversiders prefer slightly slower tempo than is general at dances, claiming they would rather execute the movements than try to keep up with caller. Could be couple of points here, because we have been getting some mighty enjoyable dancing down by the river.

**State Editor's Comments:**

Experienced square dancers should know that you can execute movements without trying to keep up to caller and still enjoy your square dancing.

Vic.:

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**NORTHERN TERRITORY DIARY**

**TUESDAY:**  
BEGINNERS' CLASS: Tuesday, 8.00 till 10.00. Larry Bellos, Lee Beydler.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
CENTRE SQUARES: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesday, Alice Springs Youth Centre. 8.00 till 10.00. Jim Floyd.

**TUESDAY NIGHTS: WEST AUSTRALIAN DIARY**

SUNDOWNERS' SQUARE DANCE CLUB, Scouts' Hall, cnr. Fitzgerald and Mable Streets, North Perth. Weekly. Caller: Kevin Kelly.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
RIVERSIDE Square Dance Club, Maylands Yacht Club Hall, 4th Avenue, Maylands, off Guildford Road. Weekly. Caller: Graham Halliwell.

GRAND SQUARES: Square Dance Club, Margaret River. Caller: Les Johnson.

**THURSDAY NIGHTS:**  
SHANANDOAHS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, Higgins Park Tennis Club, Playfield Street, East Victoria Park. Caller: Stephen Turner.

**FRIDAY NIGHTS:**  
SOUTHERN STARS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, Busselton Swimming Club Hall, Busselton. Caller: Les Johnson.  
SWAN SWINGERS CLUB, Jamaica Inn, Greenmount.

**SATURDAY NIGHTS:**  
GIDGIYANNUP CLUB, Gidgiyannup Hall, Loodyay Rd. Billy Gilbert Jnr.  
WHITE GUM VALLEY SQUARE DANCE CLUB, Girl Guides' Hall, cnr. Nanning Avenue and Stephen Street, White Gum Valley. Caller: Les Johnson.

FOR INFORMATION ON ALL W.A. CLUBS: Dial any of the following numbers:  
Meg. Donaldson, 37-4975 Evening. Ray Hastie, 35-6524 Evening.  
Fred Nottley, 37-1061 Day; 35-3668 Evening. Kevin Kelly, 35-6073 Evening.  
Colin Crompton, 39-4414 Day or Evening.

**NEWSBEAT:**

Congratulations to Les Johnson and his New Bunbury club. They are dancing 13 sets and increasing.

The W.A. Square Dance Society are elated at the success of their School of Square Dancing — they are dancing five sets and building up.

**SWAN SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

Our youngest member joined us a week ago, Colin Payne (5 weeks old), it's good to see them start so early. Our club is also regaining members slowly.

**WHITE GUM VALLEY**

Our Oriental night held recently was a huge success, what with the dancers trekking down the "Ho Chi Nun" trail and carrying the little "Red Book", thoughts of Ugly "Mao" — or was it "Ugly Mao's thoughts" — oh well, a good night and good attendance. Sorry George met with an accident at the last moment and couldn't make it.

We are now all looking forward to our "Don Shadforth" Memorial Dance to be held Friday, September 29th, with all clubs and callers participating. Visitors this month: George Towns, of Sydney and Linda Ayling from Melbourne.

**SHANANDOAHS**

Well, the 14th September, 1972, brought about Shanandoah's 3rd Birthday. It's good to see that since its beginning, the club, with its numerous moves, has gathered up new members and has grown quite considerably. The "Birthday Night" appeared to be a success with everybody enjoying themselves.

The usual outing at Bill Higgs' farm (held on 24th September, 1972) went off as in previous years, with it ending in an enjoyable day. The exception being this year, the Men v Women Football Match. Quite a riot and really worth watching.

**SOUTHERN STARS**

Things going along as usual. Some of us went to Bunbury to help Les with a new venture, only sixteen sets for the first night but it is improving each week. Social nights in progress for our Adelaide Convention Fund, bit tough when the hostess wins the first two Bingo games. Visitors John and Carolyn from Narrogin, who hope to start a club in their district when they've learnt the basics.

**GRAND SQUARES**

Visitors Bronwin and David Mansfield from Ron Jones' club. Don't send anyone else, Ron, they won our raffle, of course we did help them eat it. Usual winter ills and chills have reduced numbers lately. "Put your hand in the hand—" is our latest and a real beaut. Our Birthday Night put forward to also say Happy Birthday to Edna and Mike Coffey. Everyone asked to dress according to their dream holiday. Results next month.

**BUNBURY**

A lively committee has been formed and results in New Bunbury Club. First night danced 16 sets to the calling of Les Johnson and there has been a steady increase each night since. We wish this group all the fun that square dancing can bring and congratulations to them and also Howard Sanders on the wonderful start they have made.

**SUNDOWNERS**

Our recent move to White Gum Valley hall once a fortnight has proved a success with four sets dancing and having a great time. Our Don Shadforth night skete is going on according to plan and it should be a real riot. Beaut to see Linda Ayling visiting us again, also with her was an old dancer, Miss Diane Alard. Congratulations to Fred and Les Bail on the arrival of Rebecca Lee.

Missed Mary Berry the night she was missing. Also we see a new face at the door and that is Miss Jean Donaldson-Hall. Miss Mary Berry is now secretary of the Sundowners Square Dance Club.

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## TASMANIAN TOPICS

### TASSIE TWIRLERS — KINDRED

The social committee ran a "cent night" in August. Quite an enjoyable night socially, and plans are underway for a games night in September.

Dancers are looking forward to Colin Smith's "Septemberfest" dance in Launceston.

Members of Burnie S.D. Club and Tassie Twirlers have been exchanging visits frequently of late and it adds to the scene.

### LAUNCESTON

Set is busy practising for coming demo — our first for quite a while. Plans are in hand for pre Christmas dinner at Cornwall Hotel on November 25. Welcome to Linda and to Graeme as new financial members. Geoff back dancing with us after several months.

### BURNIE

Birthdays to be celebrated on October 14.

## S.A. NEWS

### SEACLIFF WEAVERS

A shipwrecked night was great fun for everyone on September 1st and our congratulations to the well deserved winners, Peter Thomas, Margaret and Martin Lynch and Kathryn Gibney. Future plans include an amateur callers' night, a further Cabaret on November 25th, and Christmas Dinner on December 8th.

Daphne Miller has not been well recently and we hope to see her fit again soon. Daughter Pat sang for us on the shipwrecked night which everybody enjoyed, and we hope we might hear her again.

### SOUTHERN CROSS

It was closed doors, unfortunately, for a couple of nights during the petrol shortage, however, we are back swinging again and wearing new badges. A welcome visit from David Hill from Melbourne last week.

Our deepest sympathy to our caller, Allan Frost, on the loss of his mother.

We look forward to the next combined dance on October 14th. Our beginners' class is improving with the addition of some new faces recently.

## KOTARA SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The recent Championships, held in Newcastle, was very much an advertisement for square dancing in our city. It brought square dancing to the notice of the general public and showed just how much fun is to be had.

On our club scene, we have been having extremely good rollups, averaging around the three squares each dance night. Since we only dance once a month, we gratefully appreciate the support not only of our members, but of our many visitors.

The stork has been flying

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear "Baby quare,"

I found out your pen name (it intrigues me!) from the editor, it had been omitted in error from your article in September issue. How refreshing to read your article, "Beginner's Reflections". It made mine and I bet many old hearts feel glad. I believe the editor should set aside a page or pages just for articles from beginners. I for one would like to hear what all beginners think. I'm sure there is a lot of a caller and advanced dancer could learn.

I have a personal interest in some local beginners, you would appear to be about the same standard as they, which is up to the first 50 basics, so I'll address all of you together. I make no comment about the caller speaking English, it mightn't go over well, but not to worry, you learn to understand. The first 50 basics are the easy ones, the remaining 25 are just a bit tougher. You are going to have to work a little harder, not to worry. You can't afford to miss a night, that's all it means. Most of them you'll eat before breakfast, the others you'll kill 'em stone dead. There's one "Spin Chain Thru", it's a bit sneaky, you'll have to ask Wally Cook how it goes — he put out a record with the

around up here again. Brenda and Richard Cook and Audry and Angus Cook have become the proud parents and grandparents of a brand new baby boy, Peter. Congratulations to you all and a big welcome to Peter.

Look out Queensland, the Rowney's are coming! Eric and Myrtle will be calling in at Brisbane to have a square or two with the locals on their way up north for their holidays.

Next dance: 9th September, 1972 — see you there.

Happy squaring.

movement in it. Of course, it doesn't all stop at the 75 basics, there's "Relay the Top" — "Spin a Web" and all that caper but generally these are for "The Hotshots From the Workshops", so you won't have to worry there.

There is round dancing, it appeals and a lot like the variation, but for mine, I prefer to specialise in one direction only. You know what these "Jack of all trades" are like!

Remember to dress the part, climb into that Western gear as soon as you can — you're a square dancer not someone just going to a barbecue. Long-sleeved shirts for the boys and bright colourful dressing for the girls. I prefer mini length myself, the frocks I consider too long, which could explain the always shortage of men — all the "birdwatchers" are going elsewhere.

Here's hoping you all stick with it, there's lots of fun to be had. Square dancing is going to be around a long while yet and has as much chance of dying out as Mickey Mouse has of becoming the "baddie" over there in Disneyland. And if your State ever hosts a convention you could stand to make a lot of money, too.

Would like to hear of your progress and any comments, and in the meantime I'll work on the editor.

"BILLY THE DANCER"

Dear "Billy,"

The pages of the Review have always been open to beginners. It's noted a nice influx of beginner copy of late and if you think you can round them all up I'll feature it on the front page. Beginners, the gate is wide open, don't leave it for someone else to write — you write it, your caller will advise how to dispose of your copy. But please don't take the 21 years as Wally Cook has just taken.

—EDITORS

### 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 Youd, 31-1696.  
KINDRED: 1st Saturday. Phone 28-2117. Workshop. Graeme Whiteley.

### NEW ZEALAND DIARY

WEDNESDAY:  
DUNEDIN: WAGON WHEEL CLUB, MacAndrew. Int. School Hall. Ken Willcocks. Phone Co. 890.  
DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. Beginners. Phone 34-649.  
SATURDAY:  
DUNEDIN: HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, Arthur Street School Gymnasium, Arthur Street. 65-420, 66-022.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIARY

MONDAY:  
KURRALTA PK.: Weekly (Beginners). Girl Guide Hall, corner Cross Tce. and Daly St. Allan Frost. 44-1351.  
THURSDAY:  
PLYMPTON: R.S.L. Hall, Long St. Weekly (Advanced). Allan Frost. 44-1351.  
FRIDAY:  
GLENELG: Weekly (Beginners). Gordon St. Colin Huddleston. 45-4556.  
SEACLIFF PK.: RAOB Hall, Ocean Blvd. Weekly (Beginners). Roger Weaver. 98-1337.  
SUNDAY:  
WALKERVILLE: "Happy Medium", Druids Hall, corner Main North East Rd. and Cassie St. Brian Townsend. 64-4864.  
MODBURY: "North Eastern Country Stylers", Methodist Church Hall, Montague Rd. Weekly. (Beginners). Brian Townsend. 64-4864.  
WALKERVILLE: "North Eastern Country Stylers", Druids Hall, Cnr. Main North East Road and Cassie St. Weekly. Brian Townsend. 64-4864.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

Welcome visitors to our club this month were Frank and Joyce Hayward, from W.A., and David Hill from Victoria. Our class now consists of 20 couples, 6 adult singles and 18 youths. The callers class now has 5 trainee callers and they are full of enthusiasm. Ann Bellos is trainee round dance instructor. We are really having a great time with the club and are dancing 8 to 10 squares.

N.S.W.:

## SOCIETY XMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 1972

GREENACRE YOUTH CENTRE

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Callers: FRED MEADS, LEN WOODHEAD, CYRIL COXHALL

# SQUARE WHIRL

New South Wales  
Square Dance President,  
Charles Vaggs, 93-3070.

Secretary:  
Ross Sinclair

Treasurer:  
Rod Johnston, 529-7006

## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 28: Festival of Dance, Lane Cove Town Hall.

Friday, November 24: Society Christmas Party.

Weekend, January 27 and 28, 1973: Bundanoon weekend.

## BELMORE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Many new faces helped to build our July dance night to a comfortable dancing crowd of seven squares. Visitors from a little further afield were Beverly and David Pitt from Armidale. David tells us his club at Armidale is progressing satisfactorily and that Ron has promised to help them with some recorded tapes.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of one of our most popular members, Raymond Radford.

## SPARKILATE — MT. COLAH

Our second birthday party was another great night, attended by Charles and Peggy Vagg. Peg won the lucky door prize, but can't blow out candles properly. Our thanks to those society members who came from other clubs, to help us enjoy the occasion. A special thank you to Mrs. Wibley again for the flowers. Our outings included Newcastle Festival by bus, half way dance, and horse riding.

## BLUE PACIFIC CLUB — ROSE BAY

Happy Sounds — two American visitors, Bev. and Jes Pickworth and Win and Viv Kearney, from Brisbane, made our dancing most enjoyable. Thank you for "calling in" and joining with us.

Sad Sounds — Lucky in hospital having all the tests to ascertain why he is still not his bright and happy self. We miss him but feel sure that it will not be long before he is with us again.

Warren — our indispensable "behind the scenes" man also in St. Vincents under intensive care, all our wishes are with him for a good recovery.

## NEW SOUTH WALES DIARY

All Dances Weekly unless stated otherwise

**TUESDAY:**  
PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel Club. Ron Jones. Girl Guides' Hall, Rössmore Avenue, 70-7118.  
ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's, St. John's Parish Hall, Bland Street. Callers: Russ Eastment. 798-5361.  
NEWCASTLE: B-Bar-H. Garden Suburbs Community Hall, Prospect Road. Brian Hotchkies. 49-7608.  
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:**  
DUDLEY: (Beginners). Brian Hotchkies. Every Wednesday night. 29 Caldwell Avenue, Dudley. 49-7608.  
KOGARAH: Rechabite Hall, Ocean St. Terry Dodd.  
LUGARNO Square Dance Club: 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Wednesday. 32 Grandview Cres., Lugarno. (Beginners). Caller: Roy Welch.  
RYDE: Allemanders, Vince Spillane, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Government Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. 639-1270.  
RHODES (A): Roy Welch, 2nd Wednesday only, Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge. 533-1161.  
DUNDAS: Sparkilate Club, Town Hall, Marsden Road, Dundas. Caller: Ted Thomas. 871-5225.

**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-SUTHERLAND: Pensioners' Hall, Princes Highway (opp. Hotel), Sutherland. Arthur Gates. 727-9951.  
RHODES: Pound Dancing. Avis and Jack Nimmo. 3rd Thursday. Sea Scouts Hall, Ryde Bridge 639-6685.  
TAMWORTH: St. John's C. of E. Hall, Carthage St. Sue McInness.

**FRIDAY:**  
BARRABA: Flutter Wheels, Youth Centre, Fitzroy Street, 7 p.m.  
EASTWOOD TOWN HALL, "Boomerang" Club, Agincourt Road, Marsfield. Callers. 89-1142.  
MT. COLAH: Sparkilate Club, Corner Pacific Highway and Amaroo Ave. Fred Meads, 47-1997.

GREENWICH SWINGERS: Presbyterian Church Hall, 86 Greenwich Road. Len Woodhead. 43-1205.  
BEXLEY (ILLAWARRAS): Round Dancing 2nd Fridays, 4th Fridays, School of Arts, Forest Road (next Masonic Hall). 30-2379, 523-1915.  
NEWCASTLE: Brian Hotchkies, Mara Lynne Ballroom, 11 Belford Street, Broadmeadow. 49-7608, 43-4933.  
WOLLONGONG. Corrimal Presbyterian Church Hall, Princes Highway, Corrimal. Terry Dodd.  
NEWPORT: Ocean Waves Club, Surf Club Hall, Newport. Wal Crichton. 982-5068.  
RENDEZVOUS. Round Dancing, 1st Friday, Iluka Centre, 73 Roscoe St., Bondi. Les, Marge and Lucky. 32-5031.  
RYDE-BUFFALO SQUARES, 2nd and 4th, Govt. Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. Caller: Vince Spillane. 83-7985.  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS:**  
MERRY MIXER SQUARE DANCERS: TED SAMS. Dora Creek/Morriset area. Friday & Saturday nights. Phone 73-1519. Write C/o Post Office, Cooranbong, 2265. (Former Sunnywood Square Dancers).

**SATURDAY:**  
1st SATURDAY: Air Force Memorial Bowling Club, Chandler 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  
BELMORE: Illawarras, Round and Square dancing, 1st Saturday. Scout Hall, Lark Street. Phones: 30-2379, 523-1915.  
BUNDANOON: 2nd and 4th Saturdays. At Wingello Mechanics' Institute. 8 to 12.  
DUNDAS (Promenaders): Tom McGrath, Third Saturday, Town Hall, Marsden Road. 85-3821.  
GREENWICH: Startimers, (A), 1st Saturday. Ron Jones. Community Centre, Greenwich Road. 46-3600.  
KOTARA: 2nd Saturday. C. of E. Hall, Grinsell Street. Brian Hotchkies. 49-7608.  
NEWCASTLE: Westerners. Brian Hotchkies, 1st and 3rd Saturday nights. C. of E. Hall, Naughton Avenue, Birmingham Gardens. 49-7608.

## ORBIT EIGHTS — ASHFIELD

Three roads to the halfway dance at Wyong and a really grand time was had by all including our future dancers, twins Rodney and Scott. We all met for a barbecue lunch before the dance and many stayed for a picnic tea after to miss the traffic. The latter ruse did not work. The traffic on that road must have been still thick at midnight. We are still plagued by a shortage of girls. Is there any other club short of girls? We are thinking of sending some of our boys to "Les Girls" to train as stand ins.

## THE WANDERERS

Another engagement this month, the happy couple, Rob and Sandra are two of our most enthusiastic beginners.

The Wanderers turned out in strength at the Francis Drake Bowling Club where Carss Park Club entertained us at a really great night. Thank you Carss Park.

Congratulations to Sparkilate Club on their second birthday, had a whacko time at their party.

Visitors this month were Barry Wonson and Denise, also a group from the Allemanders; hope you all enjoyed the dancing.

N.S.W.:

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A.G.M.: 10 a.m.

Car Rally: 1.30 p.m.

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Callers: W. CRICHTON — TED THOMAS

## SQUARE WHIRL

### CIRCLE 8 NEWS

We had a good month this month in spite of the 'flu and the "wog".

A crowd of us went to Rhodes' 13th birthday night and had a swinging time!

Visitors this month were: Linda and Jeff Redding, Jess and Bev Pickworth.

Who has a new caravan and can't wait to try it out?

### ALLEMANDERS — RYDE

It was nice to entertain at our recent dance night two of Allemanders' early members from when the club was first formed many years ago, namely, Jess and Bev Pickworth. Our president's wife, Marie presented Jess with a beautiful flower arrangement. We wish them all the best on their coming tour.

On our sick list: Bill Kelcher in hospital — hurry and get well, Bill. Also George Bell, who has made a return trip to hospital.

### GREENWICH SWINGERS

Robin Clark paid us a flying visit on a quick visit from Melbourne where she now dances to Ron Whyte and Wally Cook. John and Pauline Shaw also visited from Shellharbour one night. Good old bearded Ray and girl friend beginner turned up again after ever so long! Nice to see old friends again. Six members visited Waggon Wheel Club and received great welcome from Ron Jones.

### NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES

We continue to dance four or five squares regularly each Friday night. Wal is calling better than ever and keeps introducing new numbers, both square and rounds, which make for very interesting dancing. Visits from Muriel and Tom, Allison and Hans — always very pleased to see their smiling faces.

Lovely night was had by all at Carss Park's 22nd birthday — congrats. to organisers and callers.

### GREENWICH PROMENADERS

What will we wear to our Halloween Party Night? The hall has been really jumping this month. Nice to see Warwick and Kerry back again. Hans and Allison make a very good addition to the Promenaders. Bob Milligan had a birthday. Feels younger, he says! Vince Peel thinks positive. He loves square dance. And anyone who hasn't had the 'flu is not in the race.

### MIRANDA/SUTHERLAND

Visitors Floss and Charlie and Gary's mother, Beryl, enjoying the round dancing tutored by Les and Marj. Many thanks. We are all sorry to bid farewell to Bev and Jess Pickworth, who have given us many pleasant hours dancing. All from Miranda wish them good health, and good luck for their new adventure. Au-Revoire.

### DUNDAS PROMENADERS

An overflow crowd this month. Most of the talk has been on the Promenaders' up-coming trip to New Zealand in October, 1973.

Paul Johnston filled in while Tom was away and gave us a tremendous night. Also present was the great demo square from the R.S.L. Charity Dance.

Make your plans now to be at Dundas on the third Saturday.

### BELMORE (Illawarras)

We did not have our usual number present at our first Saturday of the month dance, but what we lacked in numbers we certainly made up in "high spirits". Our caller, Barry, was another victim of the "wog" and we danced to tapes and records which all seemed to enjoy, if laughter was any indication.

### BEXLEY (Illawarras)

Our twice a month round dance is gaining in numbers, and Geoff certainly didn't mean us to have a sleep between brackets with practically non-stop dancing. We finished off the night with a couple of brackets of square dancing for those eager beavers who had not completely worn their legs off to the knees.

### BUFFALO SQUARES

We were pleased to welcome Bell Kelcher back after his sojourn in hospital, also our best wishes to George Bell for a speedy recovery, hope you will both be dancing again soon.

Our dancing continues to advance with everyone becoming more confident. Keep up the good work.

### SPARKILATE — DUNDAS

Ted Thomas, who has been a regular guest caller here, and has called for us every time Fred goes on holidays, will be taking over the Wednesday night dance full time now. A hearty welcome, Ted. I hear that the Wednesday night group will be renamed, too, after 16 months of happy times with Fred Meads.

N.S.W.:

### NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES

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### SQUARE AND ROUNDS — BELMORE

From Armidale, Ron Matthews, a very nice young lad, enjoyed his company, also once again Win and Viv Kearney, from Brisbane; they have certainly got around on their holiday in Sydney.

Jack and Avis holidaying on Fraser Island, will be back with us in October for Bev and Jess's final big night with square and rounds before they take off for their travels around Australia, happy semi-retirement holiday, see you back soon!

## Beer, Beer Beautiful Beer

An article recently published in Gavel and Key, an American Square Dance Society publication, told the story of how Miller High Life Beer (not to be confused with the Australian Millers' Beer) decided to show a spectacular T.V. commercial tying beer in with square dancing.

Despite the remarks made that square dancing and alcohol beverages did not go together, the Miller Brewing Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, decided to go ahead as they were of the opinion that

the commercial was in good taste.

'Square dancers' all over America started telephoning and shortly a barrage of correspondence descended on the Miller Brewing Co. It was pointed out that whilst square dancers were not opposed to beer and alcoholic beverages, they just did not think that square dancing mixed with beer. Finally, some nine days after the announcement, the company capitulated and so the result was no beer commercials with square dancing.

In Sydney, square dancers have probably had their stomachs turn over with the recent Tucker Box dog food commercial showing dogs jumping around to a square dance. What about it folks? Do you or your dog eat Tucker Box dog food? Do you like dogs square dancing? Now is the time to rise up in arms, get your pens and pencils ready and fire your letters to:

Tucker Box Dog and Cat Food Co.,

(Agents: W. K. King P/L.)  
247 Pacific Highway,  
NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.W.

What the Americans can do with beer, surely we can do better with dog food.

—JIM WHITE.



## "SQUARE YOUR SETS"

(A ROUND UP OF QUEENSLAND NEWS)

### BAR-K-RABLERS

On August 20th, we held our third Exhibition Round-up at Springlands Barn with 171 enthusiastic dancers to make it a real feature of the year.

The barn is an ideal setting to get a country atmosphere and our next special will be on the last Saturday in September when the Club will be dancing in the city square for the Warana Festival.

### DARLING DOWNS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday, October 27, the 1972 Darling Downs Championships will be staged in St. Stephens Hall, Annand Street, Toowoomba, in aid of "Meals On Wheels". There will be three closed sections and also an "Invitational", in which Brisbane teams will also compete.

Last year's championships benefited O.P.A.L. and the publicity was invaluable for square dancing on the Downs.

### TWILIGHT TWIRLERS

We would like to extend our welcome to all new faces and hoping in the near future they will become members of our club, the Twilight Twirlers.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our young children who have been coming along and hope they will continue coming after the school holidays.

### ASHGROVE WEEKLY

It had to happen and finally did — a return to weekly dancing. Every Friday night for the "S-Bar-B" Club, now in its twentieth year! Dancing is at an experienced level and seasonal awards, a monthly newsletter, and request, workshop and "flashback" brackets are features. The Club's nineteenth anniversary and "Rose-bowl Hoedown" was free for all, well-attended and a really great night.

### WARWICK RODEO

For a rootin', tootin' weekend of western-style fun unlimited, nominate now, through Val Rigby, and join the happy crowd of Brisbane dancers visiting the nationally-famous "Warwick Rodeo".

Square dancing this year is being sponsored by the National Fitness Council of Queensland and a fine time is in store — October 28/29.

### CIRCLE W — WYNNUM

There was fun aplenty at the third anniversary of the Circle W Club at Wynnum. A large crowd attended the party, which included dancing, games and of course cutting the birthday cake. All are enthusiastic about a happy fourth year of dancing. Thanks, members, for a wonderful year.

### SUZY Q SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Owing to an unexplained omission of our news in the July issue, it is worth recording now that the "Harvest Moon Hoedown" held earlier in the year, under the watchful eyes of two owls, attracted a record 237 dancers. Many thanks to the visiting callers and their dancers who helped to make this night a huge success.

Standard of dancing in the club has maintained a high level, particularly with many members attending Dr. Burge's Tuesday night workshop. With an average Saturday night attendance of 90, continued enthusiasm is obvious.

### NAMBOUR

Nambour square dance is still going strong. The crowd is a mixed one and the standard is not high, the idea being that everybody, including beginners, can have a good evening.

Thanks, Greg, for a good night's dancing while Nev was away. There will be no dancing at Woombye in October.

### NORMAN PARK

Unfortunately indeed was a Greg McLachlan when he was taken ill and had to cancel Norman Park dancing. Nev was away in Alice Springs at this time and would like to thank "Centre Squares" for a great night.

## FOR THE HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME

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### QUEENSLAND DIARY

#### MONDAY:

GRANGE: "Summer Sounds," Progress Hall, corner Wilston Road and Daisy Street. Weekly. Warren Fleming. 56-3586.

#### TUESDAY:

CORINDA: High School Auditorium, weekly. (Workshop). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.  
GEEBUNG: "Star Promenaders." R.S.L. Hall, Newman Road. Weekly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

#### WEDNESDAY:

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

WYNNUM: "Circle W," Methodist Church Hall, Ashton 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. (Toowoomba 52-155).

#### THURSDAY:

CORINDA: High School Auditorium, weekly. (Basic Group). Ivor Burge. 78-2591.

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

BALD HILLS: Memorial Hall, Gympie Road. Weekly. Warren Fleming. 56-3586.

#### FRIDAY:

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

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

#### SATURDAY:

IRONGATE: Public Hall (Darling Downs). Monthly. Bill McHardy.

CORINDA: "Suzy Q," High School Auditorium. weekly. (Advanced Club). 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.

NAMBOUR: Woombye Hall. Every four weeks. Neville McLachlan. 96-3302.

HOLLAND PARK: "Hollandia Swingers", St. David's Hall, Logan Road, fortnightly. Graham Rigby. 56-1251.

### WAVELL WHIRLWAYS

A bowling night was held for members at Exhibition Bowls on the 5th August.

On the 20th, members attended a dance at Springlands Barn, Slacks Creek. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially when our host caller, Bernie Kennedy, was calling. Thank you, Bar K's, for a lovely evening and supper.

A return surprise visit was paid to our Club by Graham Rigby and Star Promenaders on the 23rd August.

On the 27th August, a Barbecue and Slide Night was held at Sid and Betty's place, this also being a pre-wedding party for two of our Club members, Raymond Downey and Barbara Air.

### LOST

Missing from the City Hall at Brisbane during the convention, one yellow petticoat, American brand, would anyone knowing its whereabouts please spank its ruffles and send it home to Mabs Bourke, Box 120 P.O., Palm Beach, Queensland, 4221.

## ARMIDALE SQUARE DANCE GROUP

Armidale comes alive again with the formation of a square dancing group. Several sets participate at this stage on a fortnightly basis.

Emphasis is being placed on creating an awareness of the existence of this group with an advertising campaign being launched and beginners' session of a set duration which commenced

on September 15, 1972.

Already though, Armidale sets have participated at several centres away, Brisbane, Tamworth, and Barraba having been places of dancing enjoyment and interest.

Armidale's group has been host to the Newcastle Club, Barraba Flutter Wheel Club and the Tamworth Gemstones.

## ROUND UPS FOREVER

It was good to see articles on Round Ups vs. Square Ups in recent issues, with everyone quietly giving their versions without making it controversial and without trying to shoot another writer down in flames. That's the way it should be, that way more people will feel free to write and we'd have more articles.

I am not critical of Queensland trying out the square ups — any change is worth a try. I didn't regard them a howling success. My experience up there was, after shyly approaching unfilled squares a couple of times and finding out I was an intruder (they were waiting for someone else), I went and sulked in a corner and just concentrated on the round ups.

Mainly I saw only club members dancing together in square ups—with all respects, my closer friends, I can dance with you every week of the year, but convention time I like to get amongst all these interstate dancers, that's why I travel the long miles.

I believe the Editor (after publishing this article, of course), should nip in the bud

any further discussion on the subject.

If square ups are brought to too much notice, dancers are going to believe it's the "in thing", it will be adopted, and like long hair and whiskers, we'll be stuck with the silly damn thing.

—"BILLY THE DANCER"

## S.A. NEWS

### NORTH EASTERN COUNTRY STYLERS — MODBURY

The new beginners' class which began on August 8th, is now coming along nicely. Welcome, folks and happy dancing. The snazzy new badges, designed by Les, are being proudly worn by most members.

### WALKERVILLE

Congratulations to Judy and Brian on the arrival of Kathy. Our slides of the Brisbane trip were shown before the dance on Sunday night. Just now we are all enjoying the planning for the square dance weekend camp to be held at Victor Harbour in October. Lovely to see some square dancing friends from Busselton visiting our club.

## FOURTH GOLD COAST SUMMER HOLIDAY

Nominations are now open for our fourth "Gold Coast Square Dance Summer Holiday", at the National Fitness camp, Tallebudgera, on January 26, 27, 28, 29, 1973.

Reservations have been made for two hundred and twenty to attend and the all-inclusive cost is twelve dollars (\$12.00) for adults and six dollars (\$6.00) for children under fourteen years. Please nominate through Val Rigby (refer advertisement elsewhere in this issue) or, for Queensland dancers, through their club secretaries.

The really big news is that we'll be dancing in the large, modern gymnasium now under construction (with a smooth hardwood floor) which will comfortably accommodate twenty-five sets. Top callers and instructors will lead the square and round dance lessons and each evening, the dancing will be light, bright

and of party mood.

During the day, there'll be ample time for swimming, surfing and sun-baking, and for the more energetic — trampolines, volley ball and water skiing. Don't miss out on the popular tennis and table tennis tournaments, whilst, after the dancing in the evening, there'll be "after-party" fun and midnight movies.

We could go on — and on and on — but certain brand new surprises must be kept secret until this big weekend.

It's not too early to nominate — some already have — and the number attending is strictly limited. So contact Val or your club secretary now.

Remember, there's no coast like the Gold Coast and there's no holiday like the "Summer Holiday" — see you there!

—GRAHAM RIGBY (QLD)

## "GOLD COASTERS CALLING"

George Gow invites an expression of our views on Round Ups verses Square Ups. May I remind you, George, that we have left behind the world of rights and wrongs, do's and don'ts. We do now just what we think will suit our dancers best, when we receive the echo back, we act.

The square and round dance we conduct on the Gold Coast operates entirely different from any we have attended. Starting at 7 p.m., we teach basic Cha Cha, Rhumba, Old Time, New Vogue, you name it, we'll try it. At 8 p.m. square and round. We do not have a live caller, seldom do we use round ups. We teach squares

to special American teaching records. We use Graham Rigby's easy recordings, tapes made for us by Ron Jones and Brian Hodgkies.

We mix our dancers up by using simple round dance mixers. This method also teaches basic round dance movements. We use a lot of social get-togethers, barbecues, parties, etc. All this is not according to Hoyle, we do not care how many agree or disagree with what we do. One thing we have proved, we have a four square club in a place where square dancing did not exist. Visit us some time. Please ring 34-1181.

—JACK & YVONNE LOOBY

N.S.W.:

### Belmore Ramblers

EVERY FOURTH SATURDAY AT SCOUT HALL  
LARK STREET, BELMORE

### PUNCHBOWL WAGGONWHEELS

GIRL GUIDES' HALL, Rossmore Avenue, EVERY TUESDAY  
70-7118  
Caller: Ron Jones

### Combined Annual Square Dance PICNIC AND BARBECUE

HEATHERTON RESERVE, ROSS STREET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th — 12 noon till 9.30 p.m.

Barbecues available for lunch and tea.

Races for Children and Adults, Club Competitions

Square Dancing in the hall if weather wet or fine.

Admission: Adults 50c — Children Under 13 Free  
Students 20c

All Clubs Cordially Invited — All Proceeds to  
MISS SQUARE DANCER, for the MISS YOORALLA QUEST  
For further enquiries: Ron Whyte — 95-1496

N.S.W.:

### BLUE PACIFIC EVERY TUESDAY

(See Diary)

Callers: LES & LUCKY

32-5031

N.S.W.:

BEXLEY (Illawarras) — 2nd and 4th Friday:  
ROUND DANCING

BELMORE (Illawarras) — 1st Saturday:  
ROUND & SQUARE DANCING

30-2379

See Diary

523-1915

N.S.W.:

PROMENADERS' HALLOWEEN PARTY NIGHT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1972

GREENWICH COMMUNITY CENTRE, GREENWICH

Dress up like a Ghost, Witch, Goblin or Anything Weird  
Fun, Prizes  
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