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Hundreds do-sa-do — it's all in fun

"Join all your hands and circle left
Go 'round the ring,
With the folks in my home town,
Allemande left and allemande thar,
Go right and left
Then the girls hang on, the men will star . . ."

To the banjo-pickin' sounds of the Lone Star Ramblers (on record) and the rapid-fire delivery of caller Brian Hotchkies (in the flesh), hundreds of skirts swirled and neckties flapped for the finale of the National Australian 14th square dancing convention at Newcastle City Hall recently.

For three days, people from six to sixty, hailing from the B-Bar-H Club of Newcastle to Perth's Westerners, sashayed, do-so-doe'd and allemande'd left in one of the most successful dances held in the country.

Nearly 800 of them came to join in a rapidly-growing pastime which they believe is educational, sociable, fun and good exercise.

"Everyone's having a wow of a time," said an exhausted Audrey Threlfo, of Newcastle, who spent the past 18 months organising the convention.

"On Saturday and Sunday we had up to 70 squares on the floor at the university Great Hall.

"That's the beauty of square dancing — it's great family fun."

According to square dance devotees, business has been picking up strongly since a sudden lull back in the late 1950's.

Now clubs are springing up all over the place and Newcastle's six clubs, with about 150 members, meet at least monthly for hours of dancing enjoyment.

It's not hard to pick a square dancer. The women wear frilly, skirted frocks (some imported from the US at \$15 apiece) and sometimes ribbons in their hair, while the menfolk favour Western shirts, black, shoelace neckties and even the odd stetson.

It's all in the best US traditions, but then square danc-

ing, from Japan to Chile, is unashamedly American to its bootheels.

"The basic authority on dance movements is the 'Sets-in-Order' group in the United States," Mrs. Threlfo explained. "They usually work out the tunes and steps and send the records to us."

Any tune will do, from "King of the Road" to "Waltzing Matilda", so long as it fits the basic time of the square dance.

On stage, Queenslander, Bill McHardy, took over the microphone for a foot-tapping hoe-down while Brian Hotchkies refreshed himself with a milkshake.

Twenty-four callers attended the convention, each with his own vast collection of recorded square dance tunes and pages of lyrics.

With years of experience behind him, Brian, from Dudley, is considered one of Australia's best callers.

"Some people don't believe it, but the dancers follow the caller's instructions to the letter," he said.

"Those people in this hoe-down have no idea what they'll be doing next. The caller is making it up as he goes along and always keeps about four movements ahead of the dancers."

"A good caller always keeps the floor moving."

And moving they were, with bigger smiles on the faces of the teenage participants than you'll ever see at one of the local discotheques.

Surprisingly few squares bungled the steps and only a square of dancers could explain how a seemingly aimless mass of people can suddenly form into orderly squares on the dance floor at the drop of a do-sa-do.

For all its complexity, tiring movements and pace, most dancers — young and old — told SCOPE they were in it for FUN.

As the big red letters emblazoned on the back of one young man's T-shirt proclaimed: "For the fun of your life, you should be square dancing".

By Courtesy of "Newcastle Morning Herald".

THE 14th NATIONAL

Apologies to all the southern motoring dancers who eventually arrived with steam issuing from their radiators and blue smoke from out the car windows. But didn't we all get caught in the big traffic jam — can anyone beat my record, 7 hours Sydney to Newcastle?

Well another very good show. Newcastle gained a few more "firsts", the "I'm a Brian Hotchkies Fan" badge, a senior and junior convention in separate halls all under the one big roof, and American visitors (40 in all) who timed it beautifully to be in the area at the same time.

Too bad there were no dancers from W.A. and only one from Tassie (Shirley C) showed up. You could have made yourselves immediately eligible for the new badge Allan Frost

has in mind (more about badges later). I rather thought Victoria were down in numbers too. It was announced there were 800 in attendance, but as Newcastle are noted "romancers", these figures shouldn't be treated as valid.

The sound was very good. On first hearing it I thought we were in for a bad time, but you seem to adjust yourself, once you tuned on the same wave length it came over good and clear. But credit to "Marconi" Hotchkies and all his paraphernalia on stage, not only for the sound, but the way he kept things moving all the time.

The meeting Sunday morning saw something unique with two associations from Victoria both bidding for the '75 convention. Victoria still

gets the convention. Perhaps a cure for all ills down there would be the scrapping of the associations and the forming of one society.

Smokers and their habits again came under discussion. There were grossly exaggerated allegations of butts and matches that suddenly materialised into big logs, tripping everyone and barking other's shins. Someone even compared it with rubbish thrown over your neighbour's fence. However "Nicotine Charlie" won out on the day, so light up fellas and "Anyhow, have a Looby".

For those who didn't read the Review Report, we repeat we offer no apologies for any controversial articles in the past. Our policy remains the same, we are publishing the Australian adult version of the

Square Dance Review — it's not the Sunday School Gazette. For more sober reading best you get the V.S.D.A. magazine.

We are now restricted not to exceed 10 pages an issue. This shouldn't deter anyone from writing in, we'll find space just the same.

The plumbing fraternity took a beating with a choked F.W. for most of the proceedings, but how could Newcastle afford a maintenance plumber on after hours rates.

I'm sorry to conclude on a sour note — we saw it in W.A. and again at Newcastle — the gutsing of sweets at meal time, some getting in for three or four serves. Very bad! Very bad!

Also we had callers stopping the floor and still calling on regardless. Johnny Le Claire

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SQUARE DANCERS OF THE MONTH

We have had only one other "Square Dancers of the Month" column that has been kept a secret from the couple concerned. The boss editor did that to Chick and I a couple of years ago. Our couple this month will get the same surprise when they see their story on this page. We hope they like their story and are assured by Dr. Ivor Burge, who furnished us with the details, that this couple fits in with our idea that all our "Square Dancers of the Month" are people who in their own way have done or are doing their best to make square dancing fun for everyone.

From Queensland:

NEIL AND PAULINE MAY.

It was in 1961 that Neil and Pauline May became members of Ivor Burge's basic group and immediately showed marked interest and much aptitude in square dancing. They were inducted into membership of the University of Queensland Square Dance Club (now "Suzy Q Squares") at the end of that year, and thus began a relationship which was to have a great effect on the life of the Mays and, also, to be of considerable advantage to the club. In 1963 Neil became vice president, in 1964 he was president, and in 1966 he was acting director and cared for the club while Ivor and Eileen were abroad on sabbatical leave from the University of Queensland. Using tapes of club programmes recorded before 1966, and records of American callers, Neil prepared and put over interesting material to such effect that not one member resigned from the club during that year. In 1967 Neil was inducted as deputy director, a position he has not only held, but also filled with distinction ever since. In all of those activities Neil has been strongly supported by Pauline, who is a fully qualified nursing sister and a fantastic cook.

In August, 1970, Dr. Neil May, Head of the Department of Veterinary Anatomy in the University of Queensland, and his wife Pauline, left Australia on sabbatical leave for 12 months. The first 8 months were spent at the University of California at Davis, where Neil lectured and taught. During this period the Mays were square dancing four nights a week, and they met and danced to many of America's top callers and participated in square dance festivals where up to 6000 dancers were present. They became members of two clubs in the Sacramento area, the "Sues and Ques" and "The Paws and Taws" of which they were elected, as a couple, to the office of vice president.

On arriving back in Brisbane, they were presented with a citation from the Associated Square Dancers of Superior California, an organisation of 65 square and round dance clubs within a radius of about 100 miles of Sacramento, the capital of California.

The wording of this citation is strong evidence of the impact made by the Mays on dancers in the Sacramento area. Part of it reads: "Neil and Pauline did dance well and frequently, and with great

enthusiasm and did become well loved by all who came to know them, they shall long be remembered by those who know and miss them."

While in England, the Mays danced frequently to Tommy Cavanagh and other leading English callers and returned to Australia even more enthusiastic about square dancing than when they left. They were keen dancers at the last convention held in Brisbane last year, and were in one of the "dressed sets".

Neil is the author of a text book "The Anatomy of the Sheep", which has not only been translated into Spanish for use at a South American university, but is also the best seller published by the University of Queensland Press, and is now in its 3rd edition. He is also co-author of "The Muscles of the Ox", which is also selling well. But Neil's ability is not limited to square dancing or work of an academic nature. He is extremely skilful with his hands and has not only remodelled his home, but has also built two excellent boats, one 12 ft. and the other 16 ft. long, next to square dancing his major hobbies are boating, fishing and camping; he is definitely an outdoor type. Last year Neil underwent major surgery. It was tough and go at one stage and only Neil's indomitable will power and his superb physical condition pulled him through the crucial period. When asked by his surgeon what he did to keep himself so fit Neil replied: "I square dance!" This is only part of the May's story and we were happy to give it to our readers for their enthusiasm for square dancing rubs off on all they meet and, consequently, they are a real asset to square dancing in general, and to the Suzy Q Squares in particular.

TOM McGRATH.

PACIFIC REVIEW

Western Australia has started what I feel is a new venture into the square dance field. It has a Square Dance Society organised school to teach square dancing, one of our experienced callers takes each course through to its graduation. The first course started through personal contact from our square dancers at the clubs whose friends wanted to learn and rather than lower the standard of club dancing it was decided with the co-operation of all our callers to start a "learners' school". Les Johnson successfully took six sets through to the first graduation ball and the new square dancers went to the clubs of their choice.

On the holiday weekend in January this year Perth held its annual Hyde Park Holiday and we were asked to participate and our dancers danced almost continuously for three afternoons and evenings, during each course of these dance sessions free tickets were given out to the general public for the starting of the new learners' school scheduled to start February 5, 1973. This school started on the date set, with 13 sets (really far too many for the hall we had), but Kevin Kelly the caller, who is to put this new school through, managed with no trouble to have them all happily dancing, now after 8 weeks of dancing he has 11 sets of enthusiastic square dancers and enough women for three more sets happily going through their basics. This school is to run for 25 weeks and then we will organise another drive to start our new school, which we hope will start in July this year.

DENNIS GADSBY.
W.A. State Editor for
The Pacific Review.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE SQUARE and ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

8th, 9th, 10th February, 1974
CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND
COWLES STADIUM & SKELLERUP HALL
PAGES ROAD, CHRISTCHURCH
COST OF REGISTRATION

Prior to 16 November, 1973 \$4.50 (NZ) ea.
After 15 November, 1973 \$7.00 (NZ) ea.

Registration includes Smorgasbord to be served 11 p.m.,
Sunday, 10th February, in Skellerup Hall

REGISTRATION FORM

I/We will be attending the Southern Hemisphere Square & Round Dance Convention on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8th, 9th, 10th February, 1974. Please reserve a position in a square for me/us.

Name
(Surname) (His) (Hers)

Address

Club Affiliation

I/We enclose \$NZ as our Reservation Fee (please make cheques, drafts, money orders payable to Southern Hemisphere Convention, c/- 236 Knowles St., Christchurch, N.Z.).

Your admission tickets will be available at the checking-in booth in Skellerup Hall from 7 p.m., Friday, 8th February, 1974.

FOR PROGRAMMING

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I am willing to participate on the programme.

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CURLY Q SQUARES

A most successful month for our new club with good attendances and much enthusiasm for our dancing programme. This includes revision of basics and a workshop section, also round dance tuition by enthusiasts Win. and Viv. Kearney.

All members delighted with our new banner, unveiled by our caller's wife, Eileen Burge.

Some lucky members eagerly looking forward to the Newcastle gathering—for many it will be their first convention—an exciting prospect.

CAROUSEL ROUND DANCE CLUB

"Folsom Prison Blues" and "Second Hand Rose" holding their popularity.

The simple version of the dance sheets given to our Round Dancers are proving both helpful and popular.

Thank you and congratulations to the five couples for their excellent demonstration at the Newcastle convention.

TWILIGHT TWIRLERS

We were invited to Rose and Crown for a song party, we were asked to dress as a song. Some of the song titles were very well represented. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

We are looking forward to a boat trip to Stradbroke Island next month with Summer Sounds and Rose and Crown.

The members of Twilight Twirlers had a very enjoyable day at Lake Atkinson with the members of Summer Sounds. Our thanks goes to John Bullion and his father Mr. Bullion, and Mr. Easton taking their boats for us to ski and toboggan, it was very good.

IRONGATE SWINGERS

It was good to see two sets of the Swingers in action at the Pittsworth Show. Both sets danced well and the demo. was well received by the public. Great publicity for Square Dancing on the Downs and right at the end of Queensland's Square Dance Week. Congratulations.

Square Your Sets

(A ROUND-UP OF QUEENSLAND NEWS)

STAR PROMENADERS

On Saturday, March 3, the "Star Promenaders" danced at Kenmore Village Shopping Centre as a prelude to "Square Dance Week".

Our special night, the following Tuesday, was a "beach party" and it proved very successful with many visitors attending.

SUZY Q SQUARE DANCE CLUB

We are enjoying our Saturday nights with an average of ten sets dancing each night.

Welcome to our guests during the month, especially Mabs and Pat Bourke and their friends from Palm Beach.

Suzy Q have also enjoyed the extra night's workshoping with Ivor and his basic group. Congratulations, a century attendance last Tuesday.

Looking forward to our meeting with the Curly Q's on the 14th April for a combined night of dancing.

ROSE & CROWN SQUARE DANCE CLUB

We are making our debut to Square Dance News, as we are a brand new club. Our newly elected officers are President, Mr. W. Fleming; Secretary, Miss P. Mansey; Treasurer, Miss J. Holloway; Publicity Officer, Mr. R. Johns; Entertainment Officer, Mrs. Dale. Owing to such short notice we have not been able to fix any dates for outings or such like. But will let you know of such in further letters.

TOOWOOMBA

Thank you Armidale for sending us Ron and Nancy Matthews and family. Any other transferees would be gratefully received. A change for us to gain dancers instead of losing them by transfer.

BONGEEN HI-STEPPERS

We have a new Secretary from one Mrs. Ziesmer to another Mrs. Ziesmer. I can never remember Christian names but one is quiet and the other not so quiet. Members enjoying monthly dance.

CIRCLE W

It is a pleasure to see so many young members of this club looking forward to the Easter convention at Newcastle, all are keen to learn as much as possible and are really trying. Voting for the top square dance call for 1972-73 was a huge success—No. 1 was "Henry the 8th".

Family night at St. Peters (Tuesday) is a very pleasant evening.

NORMAN PARK

We would like to welcome the new dancers into our fold. We are sorry that Greg has decided to give calling away but sincerely hope that in the future he may decide to give it another go. After Easter we'll really get stuck into club activities.

NAMBOUR

A big thank you for all the birthday wishes for our caller Nev on reaching the ripe old age of 21 years. It was a wonderful night. Very nice to have more visitors from Caloundra.

SUMMER SOUNDS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

On January 22 we celebrated our second birthday with an Hawaiian party night with a near record attendance of 88. February 25 saw an exodus of 78 people from the clubs Summer Sounds, Twilight Twirlers and Rose & Crown to Atkinsons Dam for a day of tobogganing and skiing. Apart from isolated complaints about sunburn and sore muscles it was a most enjoyable day for everyone. Forthcoming activities include a boat trip to Stradbroke Island on April 1, a car rally on May 20 and a Continental Night on May 28.

GOLD COASTERS

On Queensland's Gold Coast for the month of March, very hot and humid, still we maintained our three squares. Had two squares demonstrate "Seven Lonely Days" and "Singing The Blues" at the Kirra Hotel. Had articles concerning us and square dancing in three local papers during Square Dance Week.

Rounds now being danced: "Lover's Song", "Fraulein", "Mexicali Rose", "Rangers Waltz".

BAR-K-RAMBLERS

We elected an almost all new committee at our Annual General Meeting and look forward to another busy year under our new President John Hill. Congratulations also to Lyman Gillies, Vice-President; Ken Herbert, Secretary; Leighton Bloomfield, Treasurer and Councillors, Thora Howard, Graham Snow, Bert Turner and Mick Harvey. Camp Warrawee is pleasant history despite the wet weather. The first combined night hosted by Dot and Eric Wendell was also a success despite the heat. Somerset Dam was good fun and no problems. Don't overlook our first Square Dance Ball!

Stuart & Schwarze

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SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO SQUARE DANCERS

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QUEENSLAND DIARY

MONDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

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

MILTON: "Carousel" Round Dance Club, Christchurch Hall, Hale Street. Fortnightly. Elva Hoppe. 71-2932.

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

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:

SALISBURY: "Curly Q's", High School Auditorium. weekly. (Intermediate Club). 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.

PALM BEACH: "Gold Coasters", Pastime Hall, 10th Avenue. Jack and Yvonne Looby. 34-1181.

SATURDAY:

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

SALISBURY: * "Suzy Q's", 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", Scout Hall, Victor Street, weekly. Graham Rigby, 56-1251.

NUDGE: Methodist Church Hall, Earnshaw Road. Monthly. (Second Saturdays.) Sid Leighton, 69-1401.

Victorian Jottings

BOX HILL NEWS

Notice a guy wearing a S.D. petticoat at the Convention? Gerry McCoy won it at our White Elephant Night. Most appropriate prize was won by Ev Riley for her Female Teapot (no spout). Harry Ayling's polystyrene elephant and Steve and Rod's human elephant were very clever. Our thanks to Bill and Peg Stevenson for the nice relaxing day at their Dromana Beach home.

HOTFOOTERS

The HOTFOOTERS' activities have been limited to "Workshop" and "Beginner" nights this month, but we are looking forward to the convention at Warburton in July. A few of our members have had or are approaching their 21st birthdays, while one of our more travelled members (a sailor), is relaxing in Mauritius as part of a trip around the world's oceans on the Navy's expense.

VICTORIAN SQUARE DANCING ASSOCIATION REPORT

Once again the Association was able to give a display of modern Square Dancing on stage at Flinders Park on final day of Moomba celebrations. The next event on our calendar will be the 4th Annual Victorian Square Dancing Association State Convention at Warburton Chalet, 20th-22nd July, which all members are eagerly awaiting, being held later this year owing to Easter time National Convention.

CASTLEMAINE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

On Sunday, 18th February, about 200 dancers and 7 callers from Melbourne and a number from Swan Hill travelled to Vaughan Springs where they enjoyed a barbecue picnic and open air square dance organised by the Victorian Square Dancing Association, the Callers' Advisory Panel, Fred Andrew, and the Castlemaine Square Dancers.

The electric barbecues provided by the SEC Sales Section to demonstrate the use of electricity in outdoor cooking were greatly appreciated by the visitors who were also very interested in the display of gem stones by the Castlemaine and District Gem Stone Club.

We would like to thank all the people who attended and helped to make this day a success.

BALCOMBE STREET SQUARE DANCE CLUB NEWS

Could be a mass migration from Frankston after 50 people enjoyed the film, recording Hazel and Eric's trip around Australia, on April Fools Day.

It was shown for the dual purpose of sharing their experiences and raising money to pay for our copies of *Square Dance Review* — not to make us dissatisfied.

Welcome to our beginners. Hope you'll continue to enjoy the dancing and company.

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, Tott St.—Enq. Edna and Jim Daniel (48-3693).
BOX HILL: Jack Murphy. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Whitehorse Road. 89-6971.

WEDNESDAY:
MOORABBIN: Ron Whyte, 265 Wickham Road. 95-1496.
MALVERN: Youth Hostels, Scout Hall, Oak Grove. last Wednesday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.
MILDURA: St. Andrew's Hall, Cnr. 11th Street and Deakin Ave. Every Wednesday. Peter Milne, 24-5493.

THURSDAY:
CAULFIELD (Round Dance): Edna Batchelor, Tennis Club Hall, Balacava Road. 53-5763.
BOX HILL: Ron Mennie. Private. Beginners. 88-4834.
ALTONA: Youth Centre Hall, Civic Pde. (Weekly). David Hooper, 318-2547 or 397-5687.

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

VICTORIA DIARY

SATURDAY:
SHEPPARTON: Harry Howard. Alternate Saturdays. Youth Club Hall, Rowe St. Phone Shepparton 21-2945.

FOOTSCRAY: "Twirlers", Scout Hall, Hyde St. (next to Police Station). (Alternate). David Hooper and Ian Mitchem, 318-2547 or 397-5687.

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.

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.

SUNNYSIDE

Nice to see Eric Milner and Gordon Lewis back after their illness. The club's 13th Birthday was celebrated with 22 sets dancing. It was nice to have Wally Cook with a group of dancers from Valetta along. To finish off the evening we had a beautiful supper party back at Wickham Lodge afterwards.

We welcome back Elaine and Michael Scheen after a long absence.

MOORABBIN

Great atmosphere at Wickham Road when Jim and Dorothy Floyd and family came down from Alice Springs, on their way home to America. Jack and Dot Murphy brought a group from Whitehorse Club and the 16 sets were still dancing at midnight. Rom Mathes has left us again to return to Queensland, we are looking forward to having Merle Hanson back shortly after an operation.

KEYSBOROUGH

Things are swinging along quite well now with the coming of cooler weather. Our hall is available every fortnight until the end of the year, and we hope our numbers keep building so that at that time we have a large cheque to present to the Mentally Retarded Children's Centre.

SWINGIN' SAINTS

The contingent of our members who attended the Whitehorse Birthday night had a very good time and we are now looking forward to our own sixth birthday night on May 13 (Sunday). We have settled into our new hall at 39a Walker Street very well and many of us have been helping with the beginners' nights in the same hall on Thursdays. Recent birthdays for Anna, Mary Jane, John and Annette.

VALETTA

Congratulations to Brian and Beryl on the occasion of their recent wedding, they sure look a happy couple. We received a card from Marj. Virtue, who is holidaying in England, she is well and will be back in time for our Birthday Ball in July. Betty Fitch is over her injury and is back dancing. The new Round Dance "Moonrise Waltz" has caught on and is quite popular.

YOUTH HOSTELS

Doug, Beryl and the Committee are full of bright ideas for our Square Dance nights and under Wally's calling the Club is flourishing. A pretty newcomer the other night was Julie Nott, had the boys on their toes. Arrangements are in hand for a 10-day visit to Perth, and we are looking forward to dancing to some W.A. callers. Look out Perth, here we come!

SINGLES IN SOCIETY

Peter and Lorraine had lovely weather for their wedding day and a good representation from the Club turned up to see them on their way. The tennis day at Bacchus Marsh was a big success,

with the winners being Shirley Smith and Bill Ward. Because of the Victorian State Convention the June dance will be held on Saturday 9th.

HAPPY VALLEY

A Club Sunday at Dromana recently with barbecue lunch, roaming on the beach and square dancing — thanks Rene and Charles for a wonderful day. Congratulations to Gwen and Reg on the arrival of a new granddaughter. Shirley and Ray enjoying a New Zealand holiday. We're all looking forward to a visit from our Tasmanian friends early in June.

CAMBERWELL

We really enjoy our square dancing, but on the Round Dance scene we've found that "My Heart", Windsor 4794X, is a good club level two-step. "My Angel", Macgregor 5022A, a simple rumba which we've mentioned before, is a firm favourite and too good to miss.

An enjoyable night at the Whitehorse Birthday recently.

We've missed Joan and Max, but glad to hear Joan is recuperating nicely.

VALETTA BIRTHDAY BALL

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NEWCASTLE**NEWCASTLE WESTERNERS**

Birmingham Gardens was the centre of excitement recently, when popular residents, Nereda and Ernie Hughes became proud grandparents. Congratulations from all club members.

Sixteen Westerners attended the ball at Greenacre and had a wonderful time. Three feminine dancers went fishing after an afternoon demonstration of square dancing and literally drained the "Lake" of all the big ones. (They were delicious!)

NEWCASTLE SQUARE DANCE

We extend our heartiest congratulations to "Ken and Olive Urquhart" for becoming Dancers of the Month (April). Do keep up the good work.

Welcome back to Tom Dowse, after his recent illness.

Nell Drew is now out of hospital, may we have her in our midst real soon.

Well done to Dot Wheeler, who recently won a trophy (plus picture in the local paper) for her golfing ability.

B-BAR-H

Our thanks to the organisers and everyone connected with the running of the Society Ball, full marks to Brian for the perfect sound. A picnic by the roadside 3 a.m. topped off a wonderful night.

This club has organised a weekend bus trip to the snow in August, anyone interested in joining in the fun with us please contact Trevor.

All after party goes from The Westerners—Beware.

TASMANIAN TOPICS**BURNIE**

Name change in the air. More details later. Recruiting drive under way for new members.

LAUNCESTON

Nice to see Maureen Martin and daughter, Hazel is a proud gran. Seven girls and Vic danced at St. George's Guild 14th Birthday party recently. Peg and Ced. celebrate their silver wedding. Welcome to Graeme Sutherland as new committeeman.

KINDRED

We are very glad to welcome back our interstate wanderer, Elaine Hays. She is celebrating her 21st during April. Congratulations Elaine.

Nice to see new faces at our dances, also a veteran travelling all the way from Hobart to dance with us.

Forth Rural Youth Club members attended our last dance and we hope to see them back at the next one.

Members enjoyed a night at Shearwater Country Club where we "Danced for our Dinner".

S.A. NEWS**SEACLIFF WEAVERS**

We held a barbeque/dance to farewell our club founders, Barbara and Roger Weaver who hope to start a club in Port Lincoln, and welcomed Alan Frost, who kindly offered to call for our club.

Our first meeting of the new committee was held recently, and many topics were discussed which should benefit members.

Our "Amateur Callers" night showed the talents of Margaret and Dennis Lynch, Pauline Robey, David Garner, and was fun for all.

Happy Easter to all square dancers.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Welcome visits from Jim and Dorothy Floyd, also Bern and Barbara Brightup from Arizona.

Rain didn't dampen participants' enthusiasm at our car-tour, and the combined square dance which followed made the day an enjoyable success.

Quite a hectic weekend at Tatachilla where we welcomed friends from Mildura, and Janet Brodie from Alice Springs. Everyone enjoyed two beaut nights of dancing, and opportunity to learn and practice new steps at the workshop afternoon.

W.A. News**RIVERSIDERS**

This club has moved from the Maylands Yacht Club Hall to the Maylands Town Hall.

Attendance has dropped off a bit, but this could be blamed on to Perth's tropical weather, more like Darwin's climate.

However, winter is approaching fast and dancers will be looking for something to keep warm.

Still dancing 3-4 sets.

SHANONDOAHS

In spite of the heat we still have a great time dancing to Steven every Thursday. A big thank you for the warm hearted welcome Quairading people gave us on the 4th and 5th March, we all had a wonderful time. The 17th March meant wedding bells for Bruce and Gail, congratulations. Also congratulations are extended to Judy and Ray Toop on the arrival of their new baby girl.

SWINGING ALBANY SQUARES

Thanks to Les and Connie, for an enjoyable 2 days at Busseton, thanks to the Circle C dancers at Bunbury for making us so welcome. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Les once again for the assistance he is giving us in forming our club in Albany. Thank you Les and Connie, Kath and Alan Grogan.

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.

TUESDAY NIGHTS: WEST AUSTRALIAN DIARY

"SUNDOWNERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. The Guide Hall, Nannine Avenue, White Gum Valley. Caller: Kevin Kelly. Enquiries: George Donaldson, President. Phone 37-4975.

WEDNESDAY:

"RIVERSIDERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Maylands Town Hall, cnr. Guilford Road and 8th Avenue, Maylands. Caller: Graham Halliwell. Enquiries: Dennis Gadsby. Phone 71-6553.

THURSDAY:

"SHANONDOAHS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Higgins Park Tennis Club, Playfield Street, East Victoria Park. Caller: Steven Turner. Enquiries: Ben Blomfield. Phone 61-3506.

FRIDAY:

"SWAN SWINGERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Jamaica Inn, Marloo Street, Greenmount. Caller: Steven Turner. Enquiries: Jack Gilbert, President.

SATURDAY:

"WHITE GUM VALLEY" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Guide Hall, Nannine Avenue, White Gum Valley. Caller: Les Johnson. Enquiries: Colin Crompton, President. Phone: 39-4414.

"GIDGIGANUP" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Public Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgiganup. Caller: Bill Gilbert. Enquiries: Jack Gilbert, President. Phone 74-2499.

"SWINGING ALBANY SQUARES". Albany. All enquiries: Alan Grogan, Phone 46-3230.

SOUTH WEST CLUBS — BUSSETON — BUNBURY. Contact Les Johnson. Phone 097-522107. All Enquiries: Meg Donaldson, Society Secretary, 37-4975. Colin Crompton, Society President, 39-4414.

SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF S. AUST.

A meeting was called for the formation of a Square Dance Society in South Australia. A well attended meeting elected the following officers:—

President: Kevin Matthews.

Vice President: Don Muldowney.

Secretary: Ron Mortimer.

Treasurer: Jeff Seidel.

Publicity: Bob Kenny.

Plus a committee of 6.

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.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIARY

MODBURY: "North Eastern Country Stylers", Methodist Church Hall, Montague Rd. Weekly. (Beginners). Brian Townsend, 64-4864.

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: "Country Stylers". Advanced. Druids Hall, Cnr. Main Nth. 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.

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COMING EVENTS

June 17th, 1973:
OBSERVATION CAR DRIVE
June 30th, 1973:
CABARET

NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES

Visits from Peggy and Charles, Marion and Bill and Beryl and Roy, very enjoyable. Beginners doing very well with Wal's help in square dancing and Hazel and Norm's round dancing tuition.

Our barbecue a great success with all food being provided by club.

Lots of birthdays since last "Review", Wal Pat, Ken, Arthur, Marie, Dawn, Fred, Jeff and Bert, congrats. to all.

NARRABEEN OCEAN WAVES

No dancing at Narrabeen this month, it was Newcastle instead with almost all our dancers there, but next month again we'll be back and enjoying ourselves very much as we always do, with Wal and Norm both promising new movements in squares and plenty of new rounds to learn.

CIRCLE 8 NEWS

Our tour of Fort Denison was very interesting. Afterwards a fab. evening at Betty and Merv's, dancing and films. A big thanks!

By the way, who is a "Marsala" sipper? Now, Jean you didn't have to have an inoculation to visit Ft. Denison! A square of us had a "ball" at the ball.

Nice to see Floss and Charles back again after being ill for some time. Joy and Ken, Evonne and Bill back from holidays.

ORBIT 8's

Monday—(Advanced)

Lots of folk have been on sick list. David Sheedy and Yvonne Clarke married at long last in March. A weekend away in February to Hydro-Majestic at Medlow Bath. Russ giving us a hard time with 75 extended basic.

Tuesday (Beg. & Gen.)

A terrific time being had by all—all young beginners and progressing quickly.

A weekend away to Blue Hill Dude Ranch at Hartley Vale—no one fell off horses but a few sore legs, etc.

ROCKDALE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL CLUB

We had over thirty visitors from the Sydney Y.M.C.A. Club and a good night was had by all. Those Wollongong girls are very lucky at the pokies. Every square dancer is invited to dance with us at Rockdale on the first Saturday. Please call the club first for table bookings so that we may have supper prepared for everyone.

BELMORE (Illawarras)—

A bad start ended up being a good finish on Saturday night, what with Geoff in hospital and Barry running late after having a prang in his car on the way to the hall. Once we got going we had a happy night of dancing—we certainly missed Geoff queuing the round dances, but at least it made us think.

BEXLEY (Illawarras)—

Our Round Dance still progressing well — and our thanks to Ron for bringing along the necessary equipment whilst Geoff is flat on his back in hospital. We missed Mavis and Dick Schwarze, Dick the victim of a car accident, but we hope to have them back dancing with us soon. Bon Voyage to Mavis and Warren, off overseas this month.

MIRANDA/SUTHERLAND

Happy dancing with oodles of visitors. Welcome to Marie and Robbie McDonald — a couple of Maple Leaf "Brat Bashers", blown in from Canada, also specialising in "Aussie" slang collecting. They enthused at the Annual Ball with our Arthur G., calling together with Tom and Brian. A super trio.

It was a very spectacular and impressive sight for the number of American visitors who witnessed the colourful bonanza of frocking and movements of the twirling dancers. Exciting! Thank you for a wonderful evening.

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

Two very nice visitors this month, Lois and Sandy McIntosh of Canada. Everyone had a ball at the ball and are looking forward to the convention. Our Sunday workshops with Brian, Wal and Tom begins in May. Dick has a new yellow Charger and Noelene and George's number two son is home from the wars. All is well and happy in the Promenaders' Hall. You all come to see us, you hear!

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ALLEMANDERS RYDE

Even though we are experiencing very hot weather for dancing, we are still averaging our four squares a night in attendance. A cheerio to Bill Kellaher who is at present in hospital, we hope to have you back with us very soon. May 23 is planned for our next party night.

Some of our members will be off to the convention shortly, so happy dancing and renewing of friendships made in previous years.

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N.S.W.: Allemanders.

Square Dance Society Of N.S.W. Annual Ball

Take 80 Americans, a crowd of enthusiastic Aussies, a gaily decorated hall and what is the result — The 1973 Ball — and what a night. Our regrets that all dancers could not be accommodated.

The American visitors were loud in their praise of our young dancers, the teams, the standard of dress and so many other things. The calling of Wally Shultz was most enjoyable and our own "boys" really excelled themselves with their calling.

Thanks to all who helped to make this night the great success it was.

—CHARLES VAGGS.

SQUARE & ROUNDS — BELMORE

Another good month, our crowd increasing all the time, good calling and great dancing. Welcome visitors from Palm Beach, Brisbane, Jack and Yvonne Looby, both looking so well and fit. Wonder what is in the air in Queensland, maybe the gift of staying young.

NEW SOUTH WALES DIARY

All Dances Weekly unless stated otherwise.

MONDAY:

DOONSIDE: Waratah S/D Club, Community Centre, Doonside Rd., Doonside. Roger Dean, 622-3069. Cyril Coxhell, 728-6924.

ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's A. St. John's Parish Hall, Bland St. Caller: Russ Eastment, 798-5361.

ST. IVES: Methodist Church Hall. Caller: Paul Johnson, 44-3240.

TUESDAY:

PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel Club. Ron Jones. Girl Guides' Hall, Rossmore Avenue. 70-7118.

ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's, St. John's Parish Hall, Bland Street. (Beg. & Gen.) Caller: 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.

LAKEBA, CIRCLE 8, Scouts Hall, Earnest Street, Bob Woolcott.

WEDNESDAY:

WOLLONGONG: "Star Twirlers", Coniston Community Hall, Bridge Street, Coniston.

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. Government Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. 639-1270.

RHODES (A): Roy Welch, 2nd Wednesday, 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). Terry Dodd.

MIRANDA-SUTHERLAND: Pensioners' Hall, Princes Highway (opp. Hotel), Sutherland. Arthur Gates. 727-9951.

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

TAMWORTH: St. John's C. of E. Hall, Carthage St. Sue McInness.

FRIDAY:

ARMIDALE: Armidale Eights. 1st and 3rd Fridays. Methodist Youth Centre, access via Marsh St. Coffee House. Caller: David Pitt, 72-4544.

DUNDAS: Bar 20, Town Hall, Marsden Rd. Beg. & Gen. Caller Barry Hickson.

MT. COLAH: Sparkilate Club, Corner Pacific Highway and Amaroo Ave. Fred Meada, 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: NARRABEEN: Square & Rounds. Senior Citizens' Centre. 3rd Saturday. Wal Crichton, Norm and Hazel Wright.

DUNDAS: 3rd Saturday. Town Hall, Marsden Rd. Peter Johnston, 44-3240.

1st SATURDAY: Air Force Memorial Bowling Club, Chandler Street, Rockdale. Supper provided. Table bookings, 587-9000. Tom McGrath, 85-3821.

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

BELMORE, SQUARE & ROUND CLUB (A), Scouts Hall, Lark Street. Roy Welch, 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.

WILLOUGHBY CENTRE (A): Couples only. Ron Jones, 1st Saturday. Cnr. McClelland St. and Warrane Rd. 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.

"LA RONDE"

As this copy goes to press before the convention, we will see all that news in June issue. With Newcastle in the news forefront now I would like to congratulate the dancers of that area in their progress in the R/D field. Jack Nimmo has been able to bring a crash course in rounds to these folk and with the encouragement of Brian, they now have the groundwork to carry on and add this to their square dancing pleasure.

On Nurses and Needles: Maurie Douglas has been troubled for some time with ear trouble and to this he added some mysterious aches and pains resulting in several good days of golf going by the board while the doc. studied all the X-rays. Looks like a small dose of ether coming up.

Geoff Redding is another causing concern. Speaking with Linda we were sorry to hear progress has been slow and Geoff may have to transfer to Sydney Hospital. We have a number of cures for that old back of yours, Geoff (pat. pending) if the specialists don't hurry up and get you back on the dance floor. We can't do without you too long, keep the chin up.

Dick Schwarze was a near miss when someone wiped out the charger, with Dick the filling in the sandwich. Result, lots of cuts and shoulder out. After seeing the wreck! Nice to see you still with us man. Doctor has Dick in splints now and has prescribed a new Charger. Patient responding well to the latter.

On etiquette: A matter recently brought to my attention concerns the amount of chatter going on

when someone is speaking on the stage. Any announcements are for our benefit and it is nice to know "What did he say?" Perhaps we could all give this some thought and try a little shoosh. Teachers and callers are in a position to nip this habit, should it appear to be getting out of hand, with benefit to all.

Latest issue of "Square Dancing" carries an article on lack of publicity on rounds. This brings a thought nearer to home and our own promotions. We could use rounds to advantage here. Viewed from the sidelines s/dancing can look like (a mob of milling ants). A remark heard at Australiana village. The round on the other hand, with the open circle, can show the pattern of the dance off to the spectator. R/D is after all part and parcel of the square dance. In the same issue it was interesting to note the introduction of the foxtrot rhythms to rounds. Any one who has mastered this field will know the delight of dances in store for us.

HAPPY DANCING,
LUCKY.

Letter to the Editor

Sir, — With your indulgence, I would like to raise a question for consideration by the N.S.W.S.D. Society.

Firstly, the background. A couple of years ago, a group of country and western music fans decided to form an association with the aim of promoting country and western music. The association was called "Country Music Australia".

One of their aims is to promote interests "allied to country music" —square dancing?

C.M.A. holds regular concerts at various locations around Sydney. The entertainers appearing on these programmes often include top-line country and western artists like Rick and Thel Carey, Johnny Ashcroft and Smokey Dawson. These concerts have a very good attendance.

The last concert, at St. Marys, contained a two-dance bracket of

square dancing, with Roy Etherington as caller. The dancers put on a good show.

My question is this: Will the committee consider making an approach to the C.M.A. committee with the view to continuing this association?

In considering this question, there are several points to consider.

1. The dancing should be of a suitable standard, compatible in dress and presentation with this type of entertainment.

2. The entertainers appearing on these programmes are not paid, even though the majority of the entertainers are professionals.

3. This opportunity has been made possible by the efforts of a square dancer who also is a member of the C.M.A. committee.

In this year of promotion, we have been presented with an opportunity that can be capitalised on.

TERRY BROWNLOW

THE ROUND DANCER

Dear Editor,

Please do not waste your time and valuable magazine space fanning the flame of personal views in relation to what constitutes advanced round dancing.

Let's get on with the dance, views and opinions are abstract. It is interesting to note changes taking place in the choreography of rounds. Obviously modern ballroom is having an influence. The palmquists mention and are using slows and quicks in dances they formulate. Whisks, wings, telemarks, etc., are making their appearance. The two step as we know it (step, close, step, hold) could give way to the (slows and quicks) of the fox trot and quick step. Lucky once mentioned that

we danced a two step to (Tango Manita), now American tango music is in 4/4 time, modern ballroom is 2/4 time, that could be another change (Roses for Elizabeth), a recent popular round, the music is (Cuban Rhumba), the routine is "two step".

Obviously the routine is out of step with the music. At Graham Rigby's summer camp we taught (Flip Side), Nev and Libby McLachlan taught (Popcorn) a (Samba). "Flip Side" has a rock and roll beat. Of all the dances presented, rock and roll and samba were the most popular. One must ask is a change taking place even in our musical appreciation?

JACK LOOBY.

N.S.W.:

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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.

N.S.W SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held at Rhodes Scout Hall on Sunday, March 25th. The following were elected to the Executive for 1973/174: President, Charles Vaggs; Vice-Presidents: Roy Petty, Laurie Fagan, Bill Sweetman; Secretary, Ross Sinclair; Treasurer, Rod Johnston; Publicity, Betty Johnson; Co-Ordinating Editors, George Gow, Bill Binns; State Editor, Noelene Gow.

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could have had us in confusion in two seconds flat without trying, but the whole time he had the mike I didn't see as much as a dancer even falter. Come on, fellas, there are no prizes for stopping floors, not anywhere, least places conventions.

However, a very good show. Thank you, Women's Lib Organisers, thank you for having me, I wouldn't have missed it for worlds. Now we look forward to the financial report (stir, stir).

— GEORGE GOW.

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