

SQUARE DANCE

A ROUND- UP OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING

REVIEW



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LET'S KEEP OUR PERSPECTIVE

A motion submitted to the Adelaide Convention and carried through to Hobart this year, went down to the 'No' vote. I may not be word perfect here, relying on memory, but the general terms of the motion were "that the national conventions include 'Round Dancing' in the title."

The reasons given: To acknowledge the existence and effort of the Round Dancers in their contribution to the national programme.

Going back to earlier days, Rounds were a very small cog in the works, so to speak, and were given the Saturday afternoon spot in the National, which is still operating.

It may come as a surprise to many to realise that Round Dancing preceded Square Dancing. Today, Hoedowns, Contras, Rounds, Experimentals, Extended and Cloud Nines all are part and parcel of the world's best pastime, "Square Dancing". It perplexes me to find Round Dancing singled out and presented as some newly-arrived monster that is bent on destroying all other forms of Square Dancing. It amazes me, when this happens occasionally, to see the panic-like reaction of dancers who are not familiar with Rounds. Like a menu, Square Dancing presents a variety of dishes and our members follow their choice. Rounds do not promote. Neither do Advanced nights or some clubs or callers. Basics do promote.

On public promotions, Square Dancing, unless viewed from above, loses much of its pattern to the onlooker and often seems more like a milling mass (space to allow each set to stand out is worth considering here). Rounds do not have this disadvantage and can help boost with their appeal. Some people give up Squareing for Rounds. This is true, I can think of three couples in this category. Nice to think they are still members of our association and still with us. I can name some

They are still with us because of Rounds. The turnover of dancers in the States is staggering. Our figures, pro rata, are a little brighter. Could we have improved our percentage had these drop outs had a knowledge of Rounds? A dancer who also Rounds is a much smoother dancer, has a greater awareness of rhythm and is appreciative of the light, shade and tempo used by the caller. A Round Dancer is a fellow Square Dancer whose likes are much like those of the Hot Rodders, the Go Go Goers and the newest, all the time fanatic, simply his own particular choice.

Joining a Square Dance club does not mean one must forfeit the right to entertain at home. With a growing circle of friends, the reason to entertain at home is even greater. Please don't knock us if we skip bridge or cocktails to Square and Round instead. I can think of no nicer way to spend an evening with friends and we certainly have no intention of resigning from our own clubs.

Conventions have their times for going and times for resting. Demonstrations put on by the various States help make these breathing spots more enjoyable for the general dancer. These floor shows consist mostly of Squares and Rounds in a specialised form, we also have the very welcome

comic turn. Hall rentals for rehearsal, hours of time in practice, giving up other pleasures, cost of dressing, heartache, sometimes even despair, all goes into making three minutes' entertainment on the convention floor. Why do people do this? Because they enjoy it.

Look back through your old programmes and see who has been the greatest contributor on this account to our conventions — the Round Dancer.

I believe the mover of the motion, for the recognition of Round Dancing at our conventions, was most sincere in his effort. He perhaps, more than any of us, is aware of the value of Round Dancing within the framework of Square Dancing. Maybe we didn't think a great deal about it, or even forgotten the reason behind the motion, but we voted "No". State reports all give an optimistic sumup on Square Dancing, not once has any mention been made of any danger from Rounds. Every book on teaching of Square Dancing stresses the value early in its pages of simple Mixers and Rounds. The South Pacific Square AND ROUND DANCE Convention was very successful in N.Z. with no sign of an earthquake.

As Round Dance editor, I felt it my responsibility on behalf of R/Ds everywhere, to bring these points to ponder. Though some may be a little hurt and many will be a bit puzzled, rest assured we will still go on Square Dancing as long as we can and continue to Round even after that.

Happy dancing.

LUCKY NEWTON.

Will Conventions Become Too Hard?

I become increasingly perturbed to find that as each Convention comes around we have two new movements added to the existing 75 basic plus. These are to be used (or can be used) at the next Convention to the pleasure, or displeasure of the dancers. I can understand the use of simple movements, e.g., Sweep a Quarter, Recycle, Walk and Dodge, etc., but where does it all end?

I was amazed to learn that one of the new movements for Sydney is Co-ordinate; how difficult are we trying to make it? Perhaps Sydney will decide to recommend Spin Chain the Gears, Motivate, Scoot and Weave or something else way out. Why can't we keep it simple? Let us face a few facts. Prior to the Melbourne Convention in 1969 we were critical of the standard of dancing, which in those times was pitiful, there was little enjoyment for dancers.

I made a point in conversation with some of my co-callers that if we were dancing pretty much the same basics in our clubs, then why not at a Convention. Melbourne started the ball rolling by giving 75 basics and these were danced up until the Newcastle Convention when the Callers in their wisdom, or otherwise decided to recommend to the dancers that two new movements be added to future Conventions.

From there we have sailed merrily on with few complaints because the additional movements that have been adopted have been relatively simple. Why can't we keep it that way? Do we want to have our future Conventions run exclusively for 'hot rod' dancers? Can we not spare a thought for the dancers of a few months experience who also want to join in the glamor and atmosphere of a Convention? Why can't we encourage these people to feel that they are really part of our fraternal

N.S.W. SOCIETY ANNUAL BALL

31ST JULY, 1976

UNISEARCH HALL,

Opposite University of N.S.W.

8 p.m. to 12 p.m. — Basket Supper

Admission: \$2.00 Adults. \$1.00 Children. \$4.00 Family
Please give this dance your full support, as it is a preview

The Australian Championship Festival

SPONSORED BY

THE SQUARE DANCE CALLERS' ASSOC. OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Featuring Eric Wendell, Queensland

Trail In Dance

Greenacre Youth Centre,
SATURDAY, 5th JUNE—8 p.m.
Waterloo Road, Greenacre

Eric Wendell will introduce workshop brackets on experimental figures

Competition Festival of Dance

Petersham Town Hall,
SUNDAY, 6th JUNE—12.30 p.m.
Crystal Street, Petersham

After Party Trail Out Dance

Petersham Town Hall,
SUNDAY, 6th JUNE—7.30 p.m.

Would all team members please note: Heats will be run off on the Saturday night at Greenacre Youth Centre for the Senior Bronze Round, Silver Round and the Gold Round Dance. These heats are for the Sydney dancers only. Country dancers will automatically dance in the finals on the Sunday afternoon.

Door admission charges will be as follows:

Adults \$2, Juniors \$1, Combined Family Ticket \$4, Saturday night Greenacre \$1.50, Adult combined ticket \$3.00.

After party Trail Out Dance will be free to those who have attended the previous two functions on producing a ticket of admission from either one of these functions.

Callers and judges are requested to please be on time at these functions.

Competition Organiser,
Ron Jones, Phone 709-7118.

STATE CONVENTION N.S.W.

The 2nd State Convention will be held, we understand at Wyong, Aug. 28-29th at the Memorial Hall. "Young Ed" Sams is the sole organiser and Convenor.

Our information is scant and tinfoil but what we have is:

- (1) There will be no food provided but a Canteen Service will operate in the Main Hall which will cater for everything up to a light meal. There are adequate meal facilities in town for those wanting a heavier meal.
- (2) A Junior Convention will be held in the adjacent hall.
- (3) A Trail In Dance may possibly be held at Tuggerah Community Hall, Friday night.
- (4) Adequate accommodation is available, there are plenty of Guest Houses, Motels, Caravan Parks.

- (5) Prices are \$5 Combined, Junior \$2.
- (6) Adult and Junior Meetings are listed to discuss Convention matters only.
- (7) Dance brackets to include the basic 50 — 75 — 75 plus 10.
- (8) Workshop and Round Dance sessions.

Of the added attractions who knows — there could be free rides on the merry-go-round, kiss in the ring after dark, egg and spoon races, it's anyone's guess. All in all it has the earmarks of a very good weekend, a Convention in the big country, an organiser who will give you the best. Make your reservations early, it's rumoured Ted will shut the doors at the count of 1200.

Jonesy will be making big sacrifices, but has signified his intention to attend. — Editor.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE REPORT 1975-1976

Our wonderful pastime of square dancing has during the past twelve months been full of activities for all clubs in South Australia with all clubs reporting slightly better attendances. These figures can be reflected by the increase in the number of new members joining the Square Dance Society and by our increase in the amount of Reviews which we are now taking.

Peter Cram's club is being well patronized and Peter is very happy with the progress of his dancers.

Allan Frost, I am happy to report is enjoying good health and has now re-opened his advanced dance which he was forced to close last year due to his health. He is also conducting three other clubs and all are running quite well.

Barry Jordan and his Bunch of Squares are in a new location, but are enjoying it just as much, with good regular attendances.

Jeff Seidal now runs three clubs. He has opened an advanced dance which is extremely well patronized, and also last month he opened a learners class at the University of Adelaide and this club is gaining in popularity with the Uni. Students.

Brian Townsend, I am sorry to report has for personal reasons had to close his clubs, but he is still doing some one night stands.

Roger Weaver — our country caller from Port Lincoln has reported that his club is going along at a constant steady rate.

Our final, but not the least club — which is run by a group of four callers, who call themselves the Town and Country Callers

have reported very good attendances and all of them are very happy with their efforts and progress.

Colin Huddleston is, I am happy to report, enjoying good health but although he is not running any clubs he is still doing demonstrations and this, with his frequent visits to the clubs is keeping him in touch with it all.

Inter-club visits have been very popular in the last twelve months and is helping to achieve greater friendship between all callers and dancers, this is very evident when the Square Dance Society puts on combined dances.

South Australia held its first State Convention on the last weekend in August and it was a fantastic success. We had the pleasure of dancers from U.S.A., W.A., Victoria and Tasmania present to join with us with interstate callers from Victoria and Tasmania. I would like to congratulate Kevin Matthews and his committee for their wonderful effort of staging the first State Convention.

(States are invited to present their reports for publication — Editor).

For the use of the ladies at the Convention, I provided a running repairs corner which was much appreciated by many. A non-dancing member of my family told me I was mad — the things would "walk" and I replied "never at a Square Dance function."

I must say I was disappointed when I went to gather the remains after the Monday night's dance, to find quite a number of the reels of cotton and the scissors had disappeared.

Maybe someone needs them more than I do, I hope you didn't souvenir them as Tasmanian made, as they probably came from Japan.

I hope I am accusing someone wrongly, and if so, I apologise, but I certainly don't feel such an action was that of a true Square Dancer.

SHIRLEY CASBOULT

CONVENTION TIME IN THE NORTH

Well, it's finally arrived — North Queensland second Square Dance Convention with, as a host city, Mackay, the "Sugar Capital of Australia"

Fifteen callers from all over the State will share the microphone and dancers will travel from Brisbane, Sydney, Toowoomba, the Gold Coast, Ayr and Cairns to join in the fun. There'll be loads of dancing . . . a workshop, demonstrations, sight seeing and "after parties" every night. We'll have a ball!



N.S.W. Dancers and their "small one" Tour of Tasmania 1976

"LA RONDE"

Ramblings and Rounds

I have visions of every S/Dancer's home being a chaotic conglomeration of petticoats and ports. Just about everyone seems to be either unpacking or packing—such goings and comings, I never saw the like. Now they are adding the Canadian Convention to the confusion.

Rounds presented at the 17th National: my list is incomplete. Had my 11 a.m. hot line going to the Whytes, but they must be out shopping. Trust that a full listing will get through in other articles. However, from Queensland, "Baby Face", "Are You Lonesome Tonight", and a specialty number, "Cabaret". From a previous article by Tom, we can give you "Waltz With Me" as the Victorian presentation and presumably the Convention Round. Tom and Chick, N.S.W., introduced "Tippy Toeing" (no label number, so don't know which one). It would appear that everything was — apples.

Now on to our next notebook exercise (cut out and keep).

HEAD UP

Most people when first told to hold the head up, actually put the head BACK and poke the chin out (yes, I did it, too) so — it would be better to make it—

HEAD UP, CHIN IN

Here's what we do. First check out our stand, nice and straight, tummies in, now — just about level with our lower lip we have an imaginary bar. We are going to lift the head UP, not back remember, until we have our chin over that imaginary bar. Nearly make it? Well, keep that position, for you're doing just fine. Now pull that chin back in. You will feel a tenseness at the Adam's Apple and below the ears. That will be a protest from lazy muscles. This par-

ticular exercise may not come easy at first, but is well worth persisting with. Strange as it may seem, this very same exercise is used for both horse and rider in the championship fields of equestrian events. Next time you see anything of this nature on TV just note the beautiful line of the neck and how the mouth and chin is carried back under to form the graceful arch of a thoroughbred. Note too, how Fido hangs his head down when scolded. Looks so sad.

Get the picture? All these exercises, you will realise, are aimed at "lift and lightness", and how about a bonus on this one — well nobody wants a double chin.

QUIZ CORNER. No. 2. What is a Devil's Darning Needle? Answer: a dragonfly, with a fine neon-like red line through body.

The deadline for No. 3, now worth \$6, is fast coming up and if not won, will make \$8 for No. 4. What or who was Rufus Dawes? There's a jackpot going for someone to collect, maybe you.

Happy dancing.

LUCKY.

TASMANIA

The Convention must have been too much for everyone, as no-one has sent me any news and I'm positive that all clubs should have much to talk about after that wonderful 17th National. I think you will have to get yourselves some other club reporters, Tassie folk.

LAUNCESTON

Visitors after the Convention far exceeded our expectations and we trust they enjoyed being with us as much as we did having them and small souvenirs given at our dances will remind them of us from time to time. June 19 we celebrate our 25th anniversary of square dancing at Launceston Club. Attendance by invitation only. Contact Secretary Hazel Dawe.

SOCIETY NEWS

The dance in the south at Pontville will be past by time this magazine is out, so don't forget to keep the last Saturday in July free for our Annual Meeting and dance to be held again in Northern Tas. Hall yet to be arranged.



This photo depicts the happy faces of dancers on tour, Tassie 1976.

NOTICE

As of the July issue costs of advertising shall be paid to N.S.W. and the respective State Editor (with exception N.S.W.) shall be responsible for the collection and subsequent payment of same. Costs are one dollar per column inch, e.g., a normal ad covering two columns and 2in. down would cost \$4.

To avoid any exploiting, club news will be carefully screened for disguised ads, such will be deleted. However, should you feel you would like to add some small and appropriate publicity to your ad, such will be allowed in general reading at no further cost depending on space available and how generous we feel at the time, but remember, no publicity without paid ad.

The 60 word limit to club news, repeat 60 words, still applies and news writers should observe such to avoid mutilation of your copy on editing this end.

BOSS EDITOR.

GIRL TALK

A newspaper cutting from one of our dancers re the preserving of passionfruit, and I quote:

In preserving passionfruit with aspirin you run the risk of botulism (a form of food poisoning) which can prove fatal and in the words of Cliff Ryan's cutting "You'd be bl - - - mad if you try it." So girls eat your fresh passionfruit and PLEASE don't bottle it.

Care of Petticoats

First, never hang your petticoats between wearings. Both wearing and hanging will have the same result — the weight will pull them down and cause the petticoat to go limp and sag. Plastic bags a no-no for storage, it gathers the moisture inside and can cause your petticoat to wilt. Instead use an old pillowcase or storage bag. When you have time make a petticoat bag with your scraps of material, a patchwork, or buy a length cheaply at the sales.

Cold water for washing with a powder or liquid designed for fine fabrics. Gentle cycle — not longer than 5 mins. Spin dry, do not wring or squeeze. Finish drying either by spreading out on a sheet away from the direct sun) or, if you are lucky enough to have a dryer, delicate heat for 5 to 10

mins. Be sure that the elastic at your waist is still in good condition, it is well to renew it at regular intervals, otherwise it will allow your petticoat to droop and cause it to lengthen an inch or two.

To revive a limp petticoat

A cold water starch, 3 parts water to 1 part starch and when dry iron the bottom tier.

To whiten a dingy petticoat

Dissolve 1 cup automatic dishwasher powder in enough hot water to cover petticoat. Let it soak for ½ hour. Rinse in clear water and dry.

With Thanks to Tassie

We thank you all so much for your hospitality and generosity that has given so much happiness to so many people. Organised by so few scattered hard working people.

We have been here two months before the Convention and know how much travelling this involved between north and south.

We specially thank the

Tassie Twirlers who have been so good to us.

BID and SYD NEALE.

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It has been lovely to be in Tasmania with such good weather, as Graeme Whitely said he ordered. We all enjoyed the Convention so much, that we feel it compares favourably with the best ever.

For those first visiting the Island State, conditions were ideal and scenery magnificent. Thank you all again.

CAMBERWELL and HAPPY VALLEY CLUBS.

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On behalf of callers and dancers of N.S.W., a big thank you for your hospitality and excellent convention. Your timing and organisation was exceptional.

CHARLES KRIX,
President N.S.W.S.D.S.

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To Adrienne and Dale Smith and family (Launceston), Graeme Whitely (Kindred), Ron Whyte (Sunnysiders). We enjoyed your dance and hospitality.

THE CIRCLE EIGHTERS.

SQUARE YOUR SETS

(A Round-up of Queensland News.)

PINE RANGERS

Our Club's First Birthday Party was well attended. Congratulations to John and Ed on winning the Mad Hatter's competition.

Our car rally was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Bennett family on winning the rally. Our thanks to Russel Lowell for the most enjoyable Bar-B-Q and Sing-a-Long that was a hit with everyone.

TAMARA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUB

Our Easter Party Dance featuring an Easter Bonnet Parade, was voted by all, a gay, happy night. Pat had dancers squaring away to an early swinging start, followed by guest callers Eric Wendell, Graham Baldwin, Graham Brandon, Jack Dalziel. A warm welcome was extended to visitors from Melbourne, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Members decorated the hall and provided supper.

TAMARA ROUND DANCE CLUB

Rounds taught and featured for April: Gozo Meringue, My Dreams, new release by Ev and Art Johnson, Petite and Anniversary Waltz by Edna and Charles Batchelor, Thelma and Denny, Margaret and Stan off to Tasmania, Pat and Alan off to Adelaide. Phil and Jenny, home from Melbourne trip, dancing again. Our Pat, unhappily, laid low by a bout of pneumonia.

"SALAD BOWL SWINGERS"

The Salad Bowl Swingers on beautiful Moreton Bay love the bay and its many islands as their 5th birthday picnic is a boat trip to one of them for a picnic, fishing and merrymaking.

Plans are well in hand for our August camp and our Strawberry Sunday Festival is shaping up to be our best ever.

DAISY CHAINERS

Once again Springlands Barn rings to country music as Peter Johnson and the Daisy Chainers have moved house from the Progress Hall, Slacks Creek, to the barn at Daisy Hill.

Peter and the Club Committee have big plans in the melting pot. Many great dances have been held here and it is hoped many more in the future.

CURLY Q CLUB

After a successful Poinsettia Promenade, "Thinking Caps" are on for a theme for our Fourth Birthday Party on 17th June.

The combined dance with Suzy Q was the best ever and we are really looking forward to the next. We enjoyed the recent visit of Bert Heppell of Rose Bay.

Our best wishes and envious thoughts go with our four couples who are off to the States for the 25th National Square Dance Convention at Anaheim.

THE SUZY Q SQUARE DANCE CLUB

High point for our dancers this month was on April 10th when we were hosts to members from the Curly Q Club.

Ivor presented a varied and interesting programme and we also enjoyed the tips called by Graham Brandon, Vic Graydon, Cliff Meares and David Smythe.

"SUNCOASTERS"

Twice monthly dances at Bli Bli have been well attended. Beginners' class is progressing well and numbers have been retained.

Arrangements have been finalised for the demonstration of Square Dancing at the Lions Carnival at Noosa Heads during Easter.

Plans are being made to attend the Toowoomba Square Dance Festival in May.

CAROUSEL ROUND DANCE CLUB

"Waltz With Me" and "Blue Blue Day," the two rounds taught at the Convention are now being danced in the Club.

"Dream Awhile," the classic selected at the Round Dance meeting will also be introduced and will be included in the list of rounds for the Sydney Convention.

Norma and Cliff left on an overseas trip after the Convention.

BAR-K/CIRCLE W

Doing a lot of work this month with our annual ball coming up on the 16th July at Clondland.

Excitement mounts as we prepare ourselves for the North Queensland Convention this month.

Fund-raising for our entrant in the Miss Australia Quest, Bev Bramdom, is shaping up now, thanks to all members for helping and good luck, Bev!

AYR ALLEMANDERS

Our Third Annual General Meeting for the Ayr Allemanders Square Dance Club caused us to elect new officers for 1976. They are as follows:

President: Mr. George Gibson.

Secretary: Mrs. Judy Peterson. Vice-President: Mr. Stan Simpson.

Treasurer: Miss Shirley Gauvin. Publicity Officers and Bulletin writers: Misses Sandra Cornford and Joanne Gibson.

"THE FABULOUS GOLD COASTERS"

Jack and Yvonne home after holidaying in Fiji and New Zealand.

A lovely bouncing boy born to Joan and Manuel — Jason.

Our Friday night square and round dance has been reorganised. Commencing Friday, 14th May. The dancing will be "Old-time and Rounds". Squares will be introduced a little later. Teaching time

will be 8 to 9 p.m.

The "Gold Coasters" advanced workshop will meet each Tuesday at 7 Waikiki Avenue, Palm Beach. Telephone 34-1181.

"TAILS" WE HEAR!

Travelling by coach through New Zealand, we noticed that many dairy cows had their tails cut off. We asked the driver why. "Well," he replied, "the farmers have been through a very lean period and to supplement their food rations they cut off the cows' tails and make ox tail soup!"

On the Coral Coast in Fiji we asked an old fisherman what he used for bait.

He replied, "You know the Hermit crab that lives in the shells?"

"Yes," we replied. "Well," said the fisherman, "you whistle and the crab comes out, and that's what you use."

So we lined eight shells up in square dance formation, whistled a square dance tune and out they all popped.

We heard a tale of a man going to the doctor and asking if there was a way he could improve his sex life.

"Yes," said Doc. "I want you to run fourteen miles a day for ten days and then ring me."

At the end of ten days the man rang the doctor. "Any improvement?" asked the doctor.

"How could there be," replied the man. "I am now one hundred and forty miles from home".

QUEENSLAND DIARY

SUNDAY:

OXLEY: Rainbow Promenaders, Primary School Hall, 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Weekly. Don Proellocks, 79-6672.

MONDAY:

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

TINGALPA:

"Wheeling Eights" Round Dancing. (Weekly). Church of England Hall, Wynnor Rd. Eric Wendell, 399-7606.

TUESDAY:

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

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights" (Advanced Workshop), Christchurch Hall (Bottom Hall), fortnightly. Eric Wendell, 399-7606.

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

ZILLMERE "Star Promenaders", Buffalo Hall, Seany Street, Fortnightly. Graham Rigby, 356-1251.

WEDNESDAY:

CALAMVALE: "Country Bumpkins", Progress Hall, Beaudesert Rd. Weekly. Don Proellocks, 379-6672.

UPPER MT. GRAVATT: Rose & Crown, Progress Association Hall, next to Bowls Club, Logan Road. Weekly. Warren Fleming, 56-3586.

WAVELL HEIGHTS: "Wavell Whirlways," Memorial Hall, Edinburgh Castle Road. Sid Leighton, 354-1004.

BURLEIGH HEADS: "Tamara Round Dance Club", St. John's C. of E. Hall, Park Road. Pat and Mabs Bourke, 35-3385. Weekly.

TOOWOOMBA: Oddfellows Hall, Cnr. Neil and Julia Streets. Weekly. Bill McHardy. (Toowoomba 35-2155 or 32-7592).

WOODRIDGE: "El-Paso Stars" Square and Round Dance Club. Progress Hall, Railway Parade (Opp. Railway Station). Caller: Graham Baldwin.

THURSDAY:

SALISBURY: "Curly Q's", High School Auditorium. Weekly. (Intermediate Club). Ivor Burge, 78-2591.

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

MILTON: "Wheeling Eights" (Beginners and Intermediate), Christchurch Hall (Bottom Hall), weekly. (Workshop). Eric Wendell, 95-5606.

FRIDAY:

ASHGROVE: "S-Bar-B," St. Barnabas' Hall, Waterworks Road (bus stop 12). Fortnightly. Graham Rigby, 356-1251.

STAFFORD: Methodist Church Hall, Collier St., Sid Leighton, weekly, 354-1004.

AYR: "Ayr Allemanders", Buffalo Hall, Fortnightly. The Secretary, P.O. Box 289, Ayr 4807. 82-6719.

CAIRNS: "Cairns Squares", Weekly, 8 p.m., Progress Hall, Edge Hill, Cairns. Jack Wilson, phone 2311. Tom Birch, phone 53-1537.

MACKAY & DISTRICT: Weekly (Tuesday, Fortnightly Advanced). Pleystowe Mill Hall. Owen and Dawn Klibbe. Homebush, 59-7281.

BURLEIGH HEADS: "Tamara Square & Round Dance Club", St. John's C. of E. Hall, Park Road. Pat and Mabs Bourke, 35-3385.

CITY: "Senior Citizens' Twirlers", Ritz Ballroom, Adelaide Street. Weekly, 10 a.m. Evelyn Johnson, 96-3813.

RAVENSHOE: Buifs. Hall, weekly. Carl Florer and Barclay Wilson, Ravenshoe 78.

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

WELLINGTON POINT: "Salad Bowl Swingers", St. James' Church Hall, Station Road. Weekly. Peter Johnson, 96-3813.

KALLANGUR: "Pine Rangers", Weekly. Public Hall, Anzac Ave. Alan Leighton, 84-0158.

TINGALPA: "Wheeling Eights" (Intermediate). Tingalpa Church of England Hall (Weekly). Eric Wendell, 399-7606.

SATURDAY:

SALISBURY: * "Suzy Q's", High School Auditorium, weekly. (Advanced Club). Ivor Burge, 78-2591.

MILTON: "Bar-K Remblers" & "Circle W." Weekly. Christchurch Hall, Hale Street (Top Hall). (Open Club). Bernie Kennedy, 79-2196 or Neville McLachlan, 96-3302.

EAST BRISBANE: "Wheeling Eights" (Advanced). Fortnightly. St. Paul's Church of England Hall, 554. Vulture Street. Eric Wendell, 399-7606.

NAMBOUR: "Suncoasters" (family club). Bli. Bli Hall, every four weeks. Nev. McLachlan (072) 96-3302.

WAVELL HEIGHTS: Church of England Hall, Watcombe St., 3rd Saturday. Sid Leighton, 354-1004.

YERONGA: "Spinchainers", Congregational Church Hall, School Road (Opp. Bowling Green). Weekly. Norm Phytian, 139 School Road, Yeronga.

AUCHENFLOWER: "Auchenflower Eights", St. Alban's C. of E. Hall, Milton Road. Monthly. Graham Rigby, 56-1251.

BARDOON: "Senior Squares", Senior Citizens' Centre, 132 Latrobe Terrace. Monthly. Graham Rigby, 356-1251.

VICTORIAN NEWS

CROYDON CITY SQUARES

Thank you Tasmania for a lovely weekend. To some of our dancers it was their first convention, to others a renewal of acquaintances. Thank you Gary Brown for arranging our flight. We're looking forward to another big get together at Shepparton. Some are making their first square dance outfits for this event. Birthday Night on the last Saturday in June.

BEACONSFIELD HIGHWAY HOEDOWNERS

We have just started a new club, and have had two sets dancing to John Cooper's calling, and all seem to be enjoying themselves, so we hope to grow. We are making badges and a banner, and look forward to having visitors on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

MEERLIEU SQUARES

We've just had a very successful 1st birthday party, with a great decorated hall and entertainment from Bairnsdale's newest band "Sigma". Our birthday cake had two dolls dressed in square dance costume on top, and was duly cut by our President, as everyone sang Happy Birthday. Ted Dykes has it all on movie film, and we hope to see it soon.

ROSEBUD ALL SAINTS

We were very pleased to welcome visitors from the newly formed Beaconsfield Hoedowners at our last dance, and hope they will come again and bring their friends. We have been hearing all sorts of reports of 'doings' at Tasmania—everyone seemed to have a ball.

SHEPPARTON

We had a midweek dance when Ian Mitchem was in the area, and we all enjoyed his calling. We are still travelling to various functions where square dancing is being featured, and a lot of young people are showing interest.

SWAN HILL SUN CENTRE

Back after the National, a great time having been had by all, now to shows in different areas, club nights and then the weekend at Shepparton in June, when we'll meet all our friends again.

THORNBURY TRINITY

Thank you to Tim Blake for taking over the calling whilst David and Jenny were in Tasmania. Next function is the sports day at Pakenham — hope the weatherman is kind to us.

V.S.D.A.

Back from Tassie, our next function is the Inter Club "Square Lympics" at Pakenham on 30th May. This completely nonsensical day will be run like Olympics (vaguely) with medals, etc., for winners, and promises to be a lot of fun — for the young and young in heart. We hope to have a few survivors to go along to the Shepparton Convention.

BLACKBURN S.B. COUPLES

Our dances are still bright happy evenings, and we recently enjoyed a visit from Peg and Ben Boumer of Cairns. During the Easter period everyone seems to have been holidaying, either in Tassie or elsewhere — and quite a number are still trekking around the Apple Isle with Eric — they were last seen squaring up at Lake Pedda.

CHADSTONE TALLYHO HOEDOWNERS

After arriving home from a very successful National Convention, we took a couple of sets up to Hallora where Bob had a dance, and had an enjoyable night. We are changing club nights to the 2nd and 4th Saturdays as from June.

SUNNYSIDE MONDAYS

Visitors this month were Sam and Grace Ellis, from Qld. and Trevor Hunt and family from S.A. Members who went to Tassie all had a good time, some brought home the flu. Special thank you to Frank Myler who supplies us with all those lovely apples on our Tour.

MOORABBIN ROUND DANCE CLUBS

Two classes are operating now fortnightly, Tuesday evenings, and the first and third Sundays afternoons. Having the two classes at the same level is most popular, and convenient to most people. Rounds being danced, Waltz With Me, Blue Blue Day, Tips of My Fingers, Tic Toc, Take One Step, Manita Waltz.

VALETTA

Back home after a very successful Convention, we were very happy to have Steven and Coleen Turner from Western Australia with us for a night's dancing. Lots of stories from Tasmania including an enjoyable night with Dale Smith's Club in Launceston. A Film Night is planned to show off all of our slides.

YOUTH HOSTELS

Our Half Yearly Fancy Dress Ball is in the planning stage and a date will be announced soon, the venue will again be the South Melbourne Town Hall. Those of the group who went to Tasmania all turned up when they got back, tired, broke but happy. Kevin has been sporting a beanie while sitting at the door, says it keeps his head warm.

VICTORIAN WORKSHOP CLUB

Chase Right, Lock It and Walk the Plank the movements concentrated on last month, while we brushed up on Circus Wheel and Transfer the Column. Of the new singing calls Merry Go Round of Love seemed to be the most popular. Wally's new one "If You've Got the Time" also popular. Due to Queen's Birthday next dance 6th June.

BLACKBURN "RAINBOW SPINNERS"

We've just started a new club—dancing 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays, and welcome any visitors to share our fun, dancing two levels, beginners and advanced. Calling by Neil Davis and guest callers. Thanks to Brian Hotchkies for his time and consideration in helping Neil find some "golden oldie" records, and for his welcome advice.

BOX HILL NEWS

Thanks to Bill Woolley, for organising everything so well. Hobart's Convention. A very satisfactory lot were the Mopoke and Thornbury dancers touring Tasmania. . . . could be heard anytime saying "Ar Men". We had fun visiting Burnie and Launceston Club. Best wishes to Neil Davis on opening his first club and our thanks for opening Mopoke on Rons first night back from Tassy.

HAPPY VALLEY

Good to see everyone back with so many glowing reports of the Convention. Everybody well to Claudia and Dave, Delia and John from W.A. joined us again and were most welcome. Looking forward to a visit from our Thornbury friends next week.

CAMBERWELL

Happy night after Convention with Steve and Colleen Turner and friends from W.A. dancing with us after dining with Olyve and Jack. We hear Phyll did a "Swodance" in Tas. Val and Bill holidayed at "The Cumberland" Marysville, scene of many happy square dance week ends. Hope Val is better soon.

WHITEHORSE CLUB

Congratulations to Tassie on their great convention. Our dancers enjoyed it all. Our tour of the island was terrific, but we made our presence felt especially on the train to Ross, where Shirkin was our "Captain", and Mal near set the train on fire. We picked up the "Tassie" wog but are recovering. Stan brought back the mumps.

VICTORIA DIARY

MONDAY:

MOORABBIN: "Sunnyside Mondays", Ron Whyte, 265 Wickham Rd., Moorabbin, 95-1496.

TUESDAY:

THORNBURY: (Trinity) (1st and 3rd), David Hooper, Trinity Hall, Stott St.—Enq. Edna and Jim Daniel (48-3693).

BOX HILL NORTH: Ron Mennie. Methodist Hall, Woodhouse Grove. 87-4834.

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.

BOX HILL: Jack Murphy. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, Whitehorse Road. 89-6971.

WEDNESDAY:

HAMPTON: Michael Scheen. Congregational Church Hall, Cnr. Hood & Willis St. 509-6962.

HAMPTON: "St. George". (B). Michael & Elaine Scheen. Congregational Church Hall, Corner Hall, Cnr. Hood & Willis Sts. 509-6962.

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

MALVERN: Youth Hostels. Olive Street, East Malvern. last Wednesday. Wally Cook. 24-5518.

THURSDAY:

ESSENDON: David Hooper, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kinnard Street, 2nd and 4th. 318-2547.

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

CARNEGIE: Round Dance. Edna Batchelor, Mimosa Street, Scout Hall.

FRIDAY:

FRANKSTON: "Balcombe Street Square Dance Club." Eric Clarke, Guide Hall, Overport Road. 783-2792.

BEAUMARIS: "Hotfooters." Rod McCubbin, 2/166 Charman Road, Mentone. Fortnightly. 550-4359.

SWAN HILL: "Speewa Country Square Dance Club." Dea Deveroux (B). The Barn, Speewa. Fortnightly. 050 37-6307.

SATURDAY:

BLACKBURN: "S. B. Couples Club", Eric Clarke. Scout Hall, Middleborough Road (next football ground), Box Hill. Fortnightly. 783-2792.

MORDIALLOC: "Methodists". Lee McFadyean, Methodist Church Hall, cnr. Barkley & McDonald Sts. 1st Sat. 90-6483.

CAULFIELD: Sunnyside. Ron Whyte. St. Catherine's Church Hall, Kooyong Rd., near Glenhenty Rd. 95-1496.

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

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

HARTWELL: "Eastern Squares". Alan Ashby. 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Methodist Church, Summerhill Road. 29-6309.

BOX HILL: Ron Mennie (B). St. Peter's C. of E. Hall, Whitehorse Road, 1st, 3rd, 5th. 89-8970.

CHADSTONE: "Tally-Ho Hoedowners" Bob Pyart (B). Methodist Hall, Alma Street, 1st & 3rd. Enq. D. O'Reilly, 232-3390.

CROYDON: "City Squares". Tony Bowring (B). Presbyterian Church Hall, Talent Street, 2nd & 4th. 723-4479.

PARKDALE: "Surfside 8's". Lee McFadyean, Methodist Hall, Parkers Road, 2nd and 4th. 90-6483.

ROSEBUD: Vic Earl (B). All Saints C. of E., Nepean Hwy. 2nd and 4th. 059 88-6244.

SHEPPARTON: "Snow" Beasy (B). Youth Club Hall, Vaughan Street, every 4 weeks Phone Shep. 21-2945.

SWAN HILL: "Sun Centre." Snow Beasy. Lawn Tennis Club, Monash Drive. Fortnightly 050 32-1230

SUNDAY:

ROUND DANCE, 1st and 3rd Sunday in month. Ron and Ella Whyte, 265 Wickham Road, Moorabbin. 95-1496.

CARNEGIE: Victorian Workshop (Open), Wally Cook & Kevin Leydon, Scout Hall, Mimosa Street, 2nd Sunday every month. 24-5518.

VICTORIAN NEWS

MOORABBIN

After the Convention, a very happy night was had by our dancers and visitors from W.A. and Qld. As seven Callers were present, we had a great variety of calls. It was pleasing to see Interstate visitors along at our Round dance classes on the Friday and Sunday.

Myrtle Stone recovering after her long illness. Welcome to Bevan and Jess Pickwork.

SUNNYSIDE

Congratulations Tasmania for a successful and happy Convention, thanks to the Committee for all the little extras that made our stay so enjoyable.

The special nights dancing in Launceston and Devonport, were very much appreciated, thank you Graeme and Shirley, the Smith family, and Shirley Casboubt, and to the ladies who provided the lovely suppers. Even the weather was kind to us.

ST. GEORGE

Great activity within the club with sewing machines flying preparing for the coming busy season. Many new enthusiastic members, we could say our age range is now from eight to eighty. Thanks to Michael for rushing back from the Tasmanian convention so that we could dance on the Wednesday, and to Elaine who gallantly stayed at home. Welcome home Warwick!

S.A. NEWS

CROSS TRAIL

One of our "Town and Country" Callers had the privilege of sharing a bracket with two other lady Callers at Tassie Convention and thanks Tassie's Committee for that opportunity. We're really working on basic 75, so a contingent from our club may get to enjoy future National Conventions. Good seeing almost everyone in square dance gear. Badges available now.

PORT LINCOLN

We all enjoyed the 17th National in Hobart. Congratulations are extended to the Tasmania Committee for their organisation and hard work. George Gow's green grubby apples brought the house down at the General Meeting. We enjoyed the Friday out with Glad and Snow Beasy and dancers from Swan Hill, Shepparton and Rosebud; we enjoyed stirring them too.

KANNELLA SQUARES

Those who travelled to Tassie enjoyed a wonderful Convention, a beaut time was had by all. Thanks Tasmania for your hospitality and friendliness, especially those who organised a dance and doggy bag for our touring group. Nice to see Barbara and Roger Weaver at our dance on their way to the Convention.

WILD FRONTIERS

Congratulations Tassy on a successful Convention. Everybody that attended has praised Tasmania and its friendly dancers for a beaut time. Back home here in Adelaide our Dance is going strong with many new dancers from the Adelaide Uni. joining in the fun. It was a pleasure to see Karen again, but unfortunately she's back off again soon to New Zealand.

SEACLIFF WEAVERS

Our new Committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting, and thanks go to all outgoing members. Lots of club events being planned. Welcome to new club members, Barbara, Gus, Monica and Frank Walker who are catching on fast. Good to see our Founders Barbara and Roger Weaver recently. Club membership fees are due soon. Car Rally 6th June.

SHERILEE CLUB

Congratulations to Tasmania on a very successful first Convention, one to remember. We thoroughly enjoyed our two weeks holiday, a really beautiful State. Thanks to the Launceston Club for two great nights of dancing. Many thanks to David, Elizabeth and the Committee for running the Club while we were away. Hamley Bridge Camp was enjoyed by all who were there.



SOUTHERN CROSS

Club members returning from Tasmania report favourably of an excellent Convention, warm hospitality and those who spent extra days there chat of scenic splendor. Congratulations Tassie. Congratulations to Allan and Lorna on their Wedding Anniversary. Welcomed visitors Karen McCarthy from New Zealand, Drew Krix from Canberra, also Roger and Barbara Weaver from Port Lincoln.

SHOOTING STARS

Thanks Tassie for a terrific Convention, beautiful State for touring too. Let it be known that four of our children's dressed set (3 guys, 1 gal) were West Aussie "Wanarees". We're proud of all eight, they hadn't met or danced together before the Convention. Business as usual Kapunda Camp June 19-21. Party night July 10th. Ardrossan Camp October 9-11.

THE RED BARON'S TOUR—ADVENTURES

IN TASSIE 1976

From Sydney to Melbourne, there to pick up three,

Then across in a Fokker for a thirteen day spree, We started off well, our Coach Captain was great, John and his Cousins, we all became mates.

At Kindred we danced and what a beaut supper,

For the next three days we had no room for our tucker.

At Smithton the Bridge was the place that we stayed,

Crown and Anchor was taught and boy was it played.

Our next stop was Queenstown and did we all shudder,

When we saw those bare hills, ain't like any other.

We met with Graham Rigby, 22 of his crew,

When that nite was over we thought we were through,

But the next nite from Adelaide some 189 did come,

The bar made a fortune, but we sure had some fun,

Of course all our crew were still up to their tricks,

In dressing gowns and nighties, our girls sure do mix.

And then the Convention, old acquaintances to seek,

Dancing for everyone, and many aching feet.

The meetings were fine, but how we did gape,

When we heard old George Speare and Kerry on tape.

And of course our Callers all gave of their best,

They sure kept the pace up, never letting us rest,

Like Jonesy and Tom, with Mennie and Hooper

Cookies and others, it sure sounded super.

Our own Red Baron was clothed at his best,

But Whiteley and his gold braid, put the Baron to the test.

And the girls sigh over Kelly as he calls thru his yawns

With Callers like these we could have danced until dawn.

Well the Conventions over but we've more to see yet,

The Richmond Bridge and Scamander, before the sun sets.

Crown and Anchor and cards are in force once again,

But we're all pretty tired so it's bed before ten.

Then to Launceston, Entally House, Red Feather Inn,

At nite to Dale's Dance, our feet are done in.

Our last day is at hand, buying souvenirs in town,

39 Sydneysiders are all wearing a frown.

As with Des, Fay and Jenny, in Melbourne we part,

We'll always have a place for them, deep in our hearts,

But we'll all meet again, when dancing will be heaven

In Old Sydney Town in Seventy-seven.

Ming The Merciless.

TASMANIAN S-D SOCIETY

A big thank you from the Tasmanian Convention Committee to all those people who helped in any way with the staging of our Convention, with special thanks going to Ron and Ella Whyte and Roy Petty.

erred from the various wogs that plagued them during their stay here. Tassy wishes the committee of the 18th National every success.

FAE SMITH,
Publicity, 17th National.

A pity that you didn't get the chance to taste a decent grubless apple, George.

It is to be hoped that all interstate dancers have recovered from the various wogs, it has been suggested the next time you have the Isle fumigated first.

EDITOR.

NOTICE

To those Square Dancers with friends living in the Oatley-Mortdale area or surrounding districts.

A new Square Dance Club for beginners will be starting on Wednesday nights in Oatley very shortly.

Notice will be placed in Public Notice column of the "Leader" as to date and place.

BARRY J. WONSON

SQUARE WHIRL COMING EVENTS

Sunday, 27th June
 1/2 Way Dance Wyong — Wyong Memorial Hall, 1.30.
Saturday, 31st July
 Society Annual Ball.
Sunday, 22nd August
 Newcastle Festival
Saturday-Sunday, 28th-29th Sep.
 N.S.W. State Convention, Wyong.
Sunday, 19th September
 Annual Picnic.
Sunday, 26th September
 Semi Annual Meeting, Rhodes Scout Hall.

N.S.W. President: Charles Krix, 84-5432
 Secretary: Ross Sinclair, STD 047. Hazelbrook 58-6333.
 Treasurer: Rod Johnston. 529-7006.
 N.S.W. Society Box No.: 1430, G.P.O., Sydney.

NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES

Everyone back from convention and for the moment, we're dancing four squares, but in only a few weeks, there'll be at least 10 off again to America (happy dancing, everyone). Our thoughts go out to Alex this month, back in hospital for what we hope is the op. that will make him completely well. Good to have Margaret and Ben back.

BEXLEY ROUND DANCE

Current dance we are doing is "Pearly Shells", a very old one, but easy to revive. Eight of our dancers already overseas and a further ten going to the American convention, we have decided to close down for the first and second Fridays in July. Happy holiday to Anne and George, off to the Cook Islands.

ILLAWARRAS, BEXLEY

Back to normal again with last of the Tasmanian convention folk home, all with glowing tales of how good it was on the Apple Isle. No dance fourth-Saturday this month, with so many "out of the country" and temporarily out of action for medical reasons. We hope all will be on deck again fourth Saturday in July.

NEWCASTLE

Nice to have Jim Rush from Melbourne along recently. Our birthday party not far away now. Hoping to see everyone there. Club officials have commenced planning for activities over the October weekend. Some members recently had a night out bowling. All had a great time, one even managing to win a prize. Guess who has the Westerners' banner now?

SQUARE AND ROUNDS BELMORE

Bottle of wine for Fathers night and a box of chocolates for Mothers Day door-prizes for our very happy and crowded night. Thanks to visitors, Jean and Jim McGinn from Brisbane, John and Delia Taylor—David and Claudia Bushell, W.A., Peg and Ces Butler Wollongong, for joining us. Jack and Clair Cole off to Europe and England for a long holiday.

GHOST RIDERS

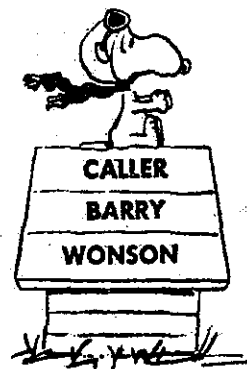
We have now been dancing for 12 months, and we are having lots of fun dancing with 3 squares. Our 1st Birthday Party will be held on Monday, June 7th, everyone is invited.

Wedding Bells for Denise and Chris, so thanks Barry Wonson for filling in the calling for a week.

NARRABEEN OCEAN WAVES

A great many of us away over the last couple of months but back to full strength now and good dancing anticipated again. We're learning all the new rounds as well as some of the old and new moves in the squares too, so everyone is happy.

THE RED BARON'S



LOFTUS FRIDAYS

Don't Forget
 1/2-Way Dance
 Wyong—27 June

ROCKDALE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL

Had a great night this month, with visitors from Victoria, South America and North America. Ellen won a small jackpot. Next time we see them, it will be Denise and Chris Froggatt, congratulations. Can't wait to see what gets onto the artistic tablecloth. Remember call up and book your tables early, don't miss out. On the first Saturday.

B-BAR-H

Congratulations to the Newcastle Club for having danced for 25 years. Our birthday party will be soon (ring Laurie Cox 48-9940 for details) and its theme: "Come As You Are". Our new Executive Committee is as follows: President — Bruce Taylor; Secretary — Neil Bryant; Treasurer — Frank Bartlett; Assistant Secretary — Treasurer — Joan Bartlett; Dancers' Representative — John Hagen; and Caller — Laurie Cox.

NEW SOUTH WALES DIARY

MONDAY: All Dances Weekly unless stated otherwise.

ST. IVES: Methodist Church Hall, Mona Vale Road.

Every Monday. Caller: Alex Purdy, 44-3240.

WOONONA: "Ghost Riders", Methodist Church Hall (opp. R.S.L.) 8 p.m. Caller: Chris Froggatt.

TUESDAY:

PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel Club, Girl Guides' Hall, Rossmore Ave. (opposite Catholic Church). Ron Jones, 709-7118.

COFFS HARBOUR: Bananacoasters. Girl Guides' Hall, High St. Ron Smith 52-1243, Steve Wood 53-4224.

NEWCASTLE: Weekly (Beginners), 33 Main Road, Argenton. Ted and Betty Campbell, 58-1903.

ASHFIELD: Orbit 8's, St. John's Parish Hall, Bland Street. Advanced and Inter. Caller: Russ Eastment, 798-5361.

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

POSE-BAY: Blue Pacific. Lucky Newton and Les Hitchen, Church Hall, corner Dover Road and Old South Head Road, 32-5033.

LAKEBA: "Circle Eight", Scout Hall, Earnest St. Bob Woolcock, 759-5340

WEDNESDAY:

SUSSEX INLET: Every Wednesday. (Beginners), R.S.L. Hall. Phone (044) 41-2287.

SAWTELL: "Tenderfoots", Sawtell Reserve Hall. Phone 53-1456.

MERRYLANDS: "D-Bar-T" Square Dance Club. Masonic Hall, Corner Pitt and MacFarlane Sts. Caller: David Todd. Enquiries 727-8848 or 637-2816.

BLAKEHURST "Teen Twirlers" (Beginners): 2nd & 4th, Methodist Church Hall, King Georges Road.

RYDE: Allemanders, Vince Spillane, Government Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. 94-4186. (Advanced).

RHODES (A): Paul Johnson, 2nd Wednesday. Sea Scouts' Hall, Ryde Bridge, 602-4811.

RHODES: Round Dancing. Avis and Jack Nimmo. 3rd Wednesday. Sea Scouts Hall, Ryde Bridge.

THURSDAY:

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

GLADESVILLE: Rendezvous (Int. Rounds.) 1st Thursday. Church Hall, Victoria and Pinwater Roads. Marg, Les and Lucky 32-5031.

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

PUNCHBOWL: Waggon Wheel Club, Girl Guides' Hall, Rossmore Ave. (opposite Catholic Church). Ron Jones, 709-7118.

FRIDAY:

LOFTUS: Red Baron's Square Dance Club, Loftus Progress Hall, Loftus Ave., Loftus. Caller: Barry J. Wonson (042) 29-4059. Int. & Advanced.

SAWTELL: Round Dance. Sawtell Res. Hall. Phone 53-1456.

THORNLEIGH: "Sparkilates." School of Arts, Pennant Hills Road. Fred Meads, 47-1997.

ARMIDALE: "Armidale Eights", 1st and 3rd. Methodist Church Hall. Callers: David Pitt, 72-4544; David Pearce, 72-2699.

GREENWICH SWINGERS: Presbyterian Church Hall, 86 Greenwich Road, B. Markwick, 407-2340.

BEXLEY ROUND DANCE CLUB: 1st and 2nd Fridays, Bexley School of Arts, Forest Road (next Masonic Hall). Geoff and Linda Redding. 30-2379

NEWCASTLE: Ted and Betty Campbell, Mara Lynne Ballroom, 11 Belford Street, Broadmeadow. 58-1903.

CORRIMAL Wollongong Wanderers (Beginners): 1st & 3rd, Presbyterian Church Hall, Princes Highway.

NEWPORT: Ocean Waves Club, Surf Club Hall, Newport. Wal Crichton. 982-5068.

NEWCASTLE: B-Bar-H 2nd and 4th Friday nights. Lakeside Motor Inn, 568 The Esplanade, Warners Bay. Laurie Cox 48-9940.

RYDE-BUFFALO SQUARES, 2nd and 4th, Govt. Bus Depot, Cressy and Buffalo Roads, Ryde. Caller: Vince Spillane. 94-4186.

LURNEA: "Liverpool Westerners", Methodist Church Hall, Hill Road. Caller: Paul Johnston, 602-4811.

CHARLESTOWN: Matters. St. Drostan's Hall, Grimsell Street, Kotara. Caller: John Dixon, 43-0451.

KELLYVILLE: "Family Night" 1st & 3rd, Memorial Hall, Windsor Road. Caller: Vince Spillane.

RYDE: (Beg), 2nd Friday month, St. James' Pres. Hall, Bowden St. All welcome. Ada Johnson, 93-1643, 80-5291.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS:

MERRY MIXER SQUARE DANCERS: TED SAMS. Dora Creek/Morisset area. Friday & Saturday nights. Phone 73-1519. Write C/o Post Office, Coorabong, 2265. (Former Sunnywood Square Dancers).

SATURDAY:

ARMIDALE: "Armidale Eights", 2nd and 4th. (Workshop). Callers: David Pitt and David Pearce, Phone: 72-4544, 72-2699.

COFFS HARBOUR: Square Dancers. Weekly. 77 Azalea Ave. Olive Kellie, 52-1367.

TAMWORTH: Tina Hall. 66-2393.

3rd SATURDAY: Earlwood Bowling Club, Gnr. Woolcott Street and Doris Avenue, Earlwood. Table Bookings — 789-3022 — Tom McGrath 85-3821.

NARRABEEN: Square & Rounds. "Senior Citizens" Centre. 3rd Saturday. Wal Crichton, Norm and Hazel Wright.

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. Nancy and Roy Etherington, Avis and Jack Nimmo, 78-4166, 632-6685. Second Saturday month.

BEXLEY (Illawarras): Round and Square Dancing, 4th Saturday, Bexley School of Arts, Forest Road, (next Masonic Hall). Geoff and Linda Redding. 30-2379.

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

WILLOUGHBY: 1st Saturday. Different caller each month. See separate ad. 94-3914.

NEWCASTLE: Westerners. Brian Hotchkies. 1st and 3rd Saturday nights. C. of E. Hall, Naughton Avenue, Birmingham Gardens. 49-7608.

SUNDAY:

LOFTUS: Southside R/D Workshop. 4th Sunday, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Barry and Sue Wonson.

SQUARE WHIRL

RED BARON'S

A busy year so far, with our Hawkesbury cruise and barbecue, weekend at Ranegagh (90 attending), our club tour to Tassie and the convention. Coming up our own cabaret and weekend on the river. Down in numbers first week back, but last week saw nine squares through the door. Nice to have Graeme Breydon from Newcastle, Jeremy from Newcastle and Chris from Wollongong with us.

ORBIT 8's

Nice Easter weekend at Russell Valie Ranch at Cattai. Hall not yet ready so danced on basement floor, warm log fires. Twinis sick, so unable to attend A-A Bi-Centennial events, but some of dancers did. Said farewell to Eunice at supper on Tuesday, May 4, going around Australia in Toyota, has been dancing with us five years — happy touring.

ARMIDALE EIGHTS

Many thanks to all the Tasmanian clubs for terrific convention hospitality. Welcome return of Club President, Audrey Heatwole, after her pottery tour of China (complete with a Chinese "married woman's" haircut). Tippy Toeing the new dance this month and 28 members eagerly awaiting a Toowoomba weekend of dancing.

WESTERNERS

Many visitors from B-Bar-H and Newcastle clubs at our Easter Saturday dance, but unfortunately we had our banner stolen by Newcastle club by one vote. Brian called at Willoughby club's May dance. A number of our members travelled down to join the Willoughby club for the dance. A good night reported. Our club's birthday party May 15.

BUNDANOON

Numbers building up. Regulars from Canberra very welcome additions. A sudden awareness of square dancing in the district, a number of requests for "demos." at dances. Five from our club happy to be amongst the 900 at the convention. Wrest Point was fabulous and we didn't even try our luck. Our thanks to Launceston and Burnie clubs for their hospitality.

ALLEMANDERS, RYDE

Nice to see our good attendances keeping up. Welcome to our newcomers and Newport visitors — hope to continue seeing you. Jean and Keith home from the convention, but unfortunately on the sick list. Adulla and David at present holidaying in Inverell. We hope Myee is soon 100 per cent and back with us.

EARLWOOD BOWLING CLUB

We saw some new faces this month. Everyone talks about their flu and the recent convention in Tassie, which was voted one of the best. Tippy Toeing was well received by everyone. We dance on the third Saturday, ring up and book your barbecue steaks. Terry Dodd will run things this month. We're all set for a great night.

GREENWICH SWINGERS

Travellers to Tasmania delighted with convention and holiday and congratulate all concerned with arrangements and hospitality. Sadly, after 15 years' happy association with our good-natured caller, Len Woodhead, he has decided to retire to Bateau Bay and we are farewelling him on May 14. Barry Markwick will take over as caller.

WILLOUGHBY

Weekly Wednesday Beginners off to a happy start, May 12 at St. Phillips, Castlecove, to calling of Barry Markwick. Thanks Brian from 14 squares for wonderful night's dancing in May — looking forward to dancing to you again in September and November. Regret change in hall again for June, but Chatswood High Hall not always available.

CIRCLE EIGHT

It was a great trip to Tassie (all that wonderful scenery), also a great convention and we didn't lose ALL our money at the casino. Thank you Tasmania. Doris enjoyed(?) the lamingtons at Dale Smith's dance. Who is the best black-jack banker amongst us? Which lady enjoyed the wine some gentleman bought her? Nice to see Bev and Jess again.

D-BAR-T, MERRYLANDS

What a great day we had at a picnic with the Sparkilates on Anzac Day. We had a visit from Emanuel who was up from Melbourne. Good to see you again. Two teams are training hard for the Australian Championship Festival. We wish them all the best. Good to see Merle back on her feet and dancing again.

SPARKILATE

Caller Fred Meads and two Sparkilate teams appeared on Channel 2 Teenage Session "Target" recently, seen in all States. Spectacular in Colour. Sparkilate and D-Bar-T clubs combined on Anzac Day for their annual picnic which attracted over 80 people. D-Bar-T club won tug-of-war and coffin which they hold for next 12 months. Next picnic is a must!

GREENWICH PROMENADERS

Chic and Nev back from their trip. Dick and Vi off next to the U.S.A. Tom's giving

them instructions on how to handle the natives. Dominic and Macia, two newcomers, are fitting in well with The Promenaders. Got the right accent! If I can hear Coral and Ann laughing, it's a successful night! Tom and Chick and Pat also off to Disneyland!

BLUE PACIFIC CLUB — ROSE BAY

All our members back from Tassie, relaxing and smooth Convention and happy touring of the Apple Isle.

Marg Springall in hospital for a short stay. Enjoyed the calling of Jeramy Meddock (not Merritt as in last months news — apologies) and the visit of Jim and Jean McGinn. Jim and Jean Parsons, Toni Bailey off to America, have a happy time.

DATE LINE

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

The months of March and April 1977 will be hectic for the Cathedral Squares.

Over March 18th, 20th, the Scotts, R/D instructors of California will run a RD Workshop and Seminar. March 25th the Club will host a group of 48 Canadians.

Easter, Art Shepherd and Geof Hinton, the Club Callers will attend Callerlab.

A special weekend will be held 29th, 30th, April and May 1st when Dave Taylor of Illinois, U.S.A., will be the Feature-Caller for a 3 day dance clinic and workshop. Visitors welcome.

Art Shepherd.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIARY

MONDAY:

PLYMPTON: Weekly (Beginners). R.S.L. Hall, Long Street. Allan Frost. 44-1351

WEDNESDAY:

ELIZABETH CENTRE: Weekly (Beginners). Court Ballroom. Barry Jordan 255-3474
MODBURY: Weekly (Intermediate). 11 Bert Street. Brian Townsend. 264-4864.

THURSDAY:

ELIZABETH: Weekly (Beginners) Y.M.C.A. Hall, Woodford Rd. Callers: Heather Towner (254-6403), Trevor Hunt, Trevor Taylor, Ron O'Toole.

FRIDAY:

EDWARDSTOWN: Weekly. Methodist Hall, Delaine Ave. Allan Frost. 44-1351.
KENSINGTON GDNS.: Weekly (Beginners). Church Hall, Brigalow Ave. Jeff Seidel. 278-5139.

BLAIR ATHOL: Weekly (Beginners). Peter Cram. 262-4040.

PORT LINCOLN: Weekly (Beginners). Town Tennis Club Rooms, Hallet Place. Roger Weaver. 82-2315.

SATURDAY:

ELIZABETH: Weekly. Y.M.C.A. Hall, Woodford Rd. Allan Frost calls fortnightly (Beginners to Intermediate). Intermediate to Advanced Workshop fortnightly (club callers). 254-6403.

SUNDAY:

KENSINGTON: Weekly (Advanced). Methodist Church Hall, Kensington Rd. Jeff Seidel. 278-5139.

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Then off for our bus tour of Tasmania with its hospitality. Dancing at Launceston, thanks to the young dancer who moved his car for us to park, great evening, lovely supper, and our souvenir pin we will always cherish.

Dancing on the lawn at Bronte

Park to Joe Lewis (record of course).

Dance at Burnie, once again we were treated as such special guests, could you be luckier! We won all the raffle prizes. Queenstown (anybody visit the Museum?), they had a dance programme dated 1930 in which they listed (as one of the dances) 'Square Dance' with the formation.

We, as our group, enjoyed your island with its so different country, bought cases of apples, which we enjoyed all through the tour. The beautiful crays, good accommodation and delightful company and our bus driver Ron White (no relation) was a pet, and so indeed was our littlest member Ross.

So home on the boat with not a ripple on the sea, the houseie we won, and so an end to a most enjoyable Convention and tour which will long be remembered.

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MONDAY:

"SANDGROPPERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Grenville Community Centre Hall, corner of Cape and Stoneham Sts., Tuart Hill. Caller: Colin Richardson. Enquiries 35-4282.

"SOUTHSIDERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Colin Street Hall, South Perth. Caller: Steven Turner. Enquiries 64-6306.

TUESDAY:

"SUNDOWNERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Cnr Douglas and Moresby Sts., South Perth. Caller: Kevin Kelly. Enquiries 64-6306.

WEDNESDAY:

"RIVERSIDERS" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Maylands Town Hall, cnr. Guildford Rd. and 8th Avenue. Caller: Graham Halliwell. Enquiries 87-1657.

THURSDAY:

"SHANANDOAH'S" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Cnr Angelo and Forrest Sts., South Perth. Caller: Steven Turner. Enquiries 61-3506.

FRIDAY:

"GIDGIGANNUP" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Public Hall, Toodyay Rd. Caller: Steven Wigmore. Enquiries 74-3043.

ALTERNATE FRIDAYS:

"SILVER SLIPPER" ROUND DANCE CLUB. Guide Hall, cnr. Stephen Street and Nannine Ave., White Gum Valley. Teacher: Olive Hastie. Enquiries 35-6524.

SATURDAY:

"WHITE GUM VALLEY" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Guide Hall, Nannine Ave. and Stephen St., White Gum Valley. Caller: Les Johnson. Enquiries C. Crompton 39-4414.

COUNTRY CLUBS:

"SWINGING ALBANY SQUARES" Albany. Enquiries Alan Grogan, Kalgan. 41-2241. "DOG ROCK TWIRLERS": Sylvia Horter, Oyster Harbour. 44-7087. Caller: Adrian Horter.

SOUTH WEST CLUBS:

"BUSSELTON" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Bunbury. Enquiries Les Johnson. Phone 097 32-2107 or C. Crompton, Society President 39-4414.

"QUAIRADING" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Agriculture Hall. Caller: Wilf Caporn.

"MULLEWA" SQUARE DANCE CLUB. Laurie and Wendy Curtis, P.O. Box 174 Mullewa. Enquiries Phone Mullewa 52.

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