

# NEW SOUTH WALES



## *Let's Go Dancing*

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*Its time to feel new....*

**ENQUIRIES  
1800 643 277**



Team ARDA is proud to announce the:



# 2022 ARDA CONFERENCE

Will be held on

18th - 20th April 2022

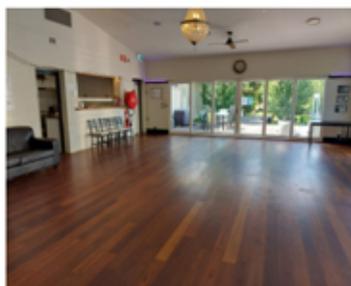


Three days of Dancing, Learning and Reconnecting!

RSVP to [helen\\_hodalj@yahoo.com](mailto:helen_hodalj@yahoo.com) or [arda.secretarty@gmail.com](mailto:arda.secretarty@gmail.com) to get a registration form sent to you.

Location:

Goulburn Railway Barracks, 197 Braidwood Rd, Goulburn



# What's Happening

Welcome to the March issue of Let's Go Dancing.

It is wonderful to see that groups in New South Wales are slowly returning to dancing but it is still important to adopt a 'flexible and proportionate' response to the pandemic and follow the protocols and procedures that have been put in place for the safety and well being of everyone.

Did you enjoy watching the Winter Olympics in Beijing? Brian Hotchkies sent in an article and pictures of his time in the capital of China. You can read this article on page five. Speaking of Brian, did you know he has been calling for sixty years? There is a biography of Brian taken from the April 2011 magazine for you to enjoy reading.

In the middle pages of the magazine you will find a registration form for the 62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention for your convenience. Don't forget to pull out the middle pages and register or you can register online from their web page at <https://www.goulburn2022.com.au/registration.html>. The web page is full of great information so don't forget to check it out!

Enjoy your round dancing? The 2022 ARDA Conference is being held immediately prior to the National Convention in Goulburn. Check out the flyer on the opposite page.

Sadly Lorna Lown passed away after a fall. There is a vale for Lorna on page three. My condolences to Andy and the family at this time.

Our NSW State Convention is open for registrations. It is being held at Wentworth Falls on the long weekend in October 2022. More information is available from the website at [www.2020sdconvention.com](http://www.2020sdconvention.com).

A huge thank you to those dancers who regularly send me club news, pictures and articles. It is most appreciated.

Ros



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"Dance is your pulse, your heartbeat, your breathing. It's the rhythm of your life. It's the expression in time and movement, in happiness, joy, sadness and envy."

– Jaques D'Ambroise



<https://www.facebook.com/NSWSquareDancing/>



## NSW President's Report

Clubs are slowly beginning to return to dancing which is pleasing to hear. However, it is important that before you visit a group that you check with the leader to ensure you are aware of the Covid safe protocols and procedures that are in place. Some groups will require proof of vaccination and ask dancers to wear masks, some will have supper and others will ask dancers to bring their own. Each group will be different.

The virus has caused a lot of disruption to dancing so it is very important that dancers support their leaders and groups. Many groups may take the opportunity to promote for new dancers when it is safe to do so. It could be a great time to encourage people to take up square dancing as many have spent so much time in lock down. If you have some ideas on different ways of promoting please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

SARDA is excited to be able to extend the Covid stimulus package into 2022. We have increased the package to \$200 as your group returns to dancing. Leaders should have received an email outlining the process.

The SARDA committee have also decided that there will be NO charge for diary entries this year as the magazine will be in a digital format in the second half of the year.

Sincere condolences to Andy Lown at the loss of his mum, Lorna. She was a great helper to Andy when he was running Mosman Squares. Lorna celebrated her 100th birthday towards the end of last year. RIP Lorna.

Have you registered for NSW State Convention at Wentworth Falls on the long weekend in October 2022? Planning is continuing for this great event!

Looking forward to seeing you on the dance floor.

*David*

David Todd



**VALE LORNA LOWN**  
03/08/1921-29/012022

Loving Mother to Chris & Andy  
Tireless worker behind the scenes at  
Mosman Square Dance Club  
She will be greatly missed.  
Rest In Peace Lorna

# Club News

## **CARPENTER & CO.**

Caller: Gary Carpenter

We started back dancing on 27th January and we've been getting just over two squares each night. This is with some people travelling and some picking up injuries. For those travelling, stay safe but hurry back as we miss you. We have seen photos of the Tubbies fishing successfully for squid. For those recovering, get well soon because we miss you too. We are still doing check-ins and asking that vaccinated dancers only attend. We are also asking people to wear masks (not mandatory) while dancing. All these measures are due to the large numbers of positive Covid 19 still circulating through the community. We just have our fingers crossed that everything will settle down soon. We are also looking forward to the National Convention in Goulburn with fingers and toes crossed that it will go ahead. It's been too long since we've seen some of our interstate friends. Happy Birthdays in February to Heather, Jan and Janette

## **GUYS & DOLLS**

Arthur Rae & Juliana Lai

The club looks forward to restarting on 2nd March. Club nights will be 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at Mainstream Level, starting at 7pm at the Uniting Church, 4 Russell Street, Corrimal.

Bring along some Supper to share, but in discreetly individual portions, for safety's sake. Admission remains \$10 for dancers. Club members with ailments preventing them from dancing are welcome to come along to socialise.



## **HILLBILLIES SQUARES Beecroft**

Callers: Vickie and Steve

Hello everyone it's great we are back dancing as from 15th February. Two squares were the order of the night, everyone having a great time. Martin & Jeanette on a flying visit, good to see them. Hope Lynette can join us soon after having an operation on her finger. Kathy & Bill touring but will join us next week.

Our sincere sympathy to Andy on the passing of his Mum.

# A Wonderful Chinese Dancing Experience

Although the featured photos were taken several years ago, I thought that with the current interest in the “Winter Olympics”, the “Birds Nest”, “Square Dancing”, and “China”, this article may be topical?

Since 2010, I’ve been invited by the organizers of Square Dance clubs in Beijing to conduct workshops, and to call for Special Festival events in that city.



It was during one of these visits in 2018, that Vicky Sun, who is one of the leading callers & organizers in the Beijing region, told me that she’d organized a demonstration, featuring nine sets of dancers. These dancers were currently in the final training stage to perform a routine of Progressive & Exploding Squares at a weekend Square Dance Festival for which I was calling. The

venue would be a special function room at the Olympic Stadium (frequently referred to as the “Birds Nest”).

Several days before the festival, all the dancers involved with the demonstration, gathered for a dress rehearsal at an open area adjacent to the Olympic Stadium. Vicky invited me to inspect the routine in order to offer a critique, and advice regarding technicalities of the performance.

During the rehearsal, a film crew arrived from a local TV channel to obtain footage of the event. The crew also asked if I would mind doing an interview for them, with Vicky acting as my interpreter.

A number of photos were taken during the course of the session, including those two featured with this article.



The demonstration, and the festival were both very successful. What an absolutely amazing experience it was to call in such an iconic venue.

Brian Hotchkies



## Club News



### **KNEE DEEP SQUARES**

Chris & Linda Froggatt

By the time you are reading this, Knee Deep Squares should have resumed dancing again (at last!), along with most clubs in Australia. We are all hoping that we can remain open this time, and start spreading the word once again to the general public about the many benefits of square dancing. After a few false starts with the pandemic, we will be promoting for new dancers in April at our Friday Club. We've had a number of enquiries already, so don't forget to remind your friends.

Despite ever-changing Government regulations, we will still approach this with caution. Considering the current age demographic, the high physical contact involved in square dancing, and close proximity of dancers, along with a high potential of co-morbidity should someone become infected, we will require all who attend our clubs to show proof of vaccination. We feel that having a fully vaccinated policy is a reasonably practicable safety control.

Nature got in the way of our plans to hold a club picnic in February, but once the weather settles down, we will set a new date. Keep your eye on Facebook for details.

Happy birthday wishes to Chris, Terry, Wal, Lynn, Nita, and Margaret. Happy Anniversary wishes to Jeanette & John, Linda & Chris.



### **MOUNTAIN DEVILS**

Caller: David Todd

We had planned to go back in January but deferred until February as transmissions were still concerning. Instead of dancing we had a couple of Zoom catch-ups which meant Molly & Ron and Eileen could join us from far away.

A big thank you to Lynda for making a video of our "Red & White" night and for bringing along some props to add to the atmosphere. Special mention to Barbara & Robert, Helen & Ralph and Susanne who assist dancers with transport to the dance. It is very much appreciated.

Looking forward to celebrating our 26th birthday with a colourful dance. Get well wishes to Betty.

Looking forward to more square & round dancing in 2022!

# HUNTER VALLEY SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY INC.



## FEATURE CALLER

*BRIAN HOTCHKIES*

*Rounds with ED COLEMAN*

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

**Venue:** Pioneer Memorial Hall  
54 Cowper Street, Wallsend NSW

### Friday Evening

7.00 pm – 7.30 pm Rounds

7.30 pm – 10.00 pm Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

### Saturday

1.00 pm – 1.45 pm A1

1.45 pm – 2.30 pm Rounds

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

### Saturday Night

7.00 pm – 7.30 pm Rounds

7.30 pm – 8 pm Plus

8 pm – 10.00 pm Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

### Sunday Morning

9.30 am – 10 am A1 (if enough interest)

10 am – 12 noon Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

Followed by Lunch – (included in your weekend ticket)

Payment: Cheques: Hunter Valley Square Dance Society Inc.

43 Cain Street Redhead NSW 2290

Direct Deposit: BSB 637 000 Account 780244496

Enquiries: Phone: Violet 0421 196 163

Email: [bevandgeoff2@bigpond.com](mailto:bevandgeoff2@bigpond.com)

Name/s: .....

Address: .....

Phone: ..... Email: .....

No of tickets..... W/end @ \$50.00 Total \$.....

Session Tickets available.



# Club News



## PANTHER SQUARES

Caller: Maree Huffadine

It was a great day when we got back onto the dance floor last month. You soon realise when you are away from Square Dancing how special it is to be involved in this activity. This month Panther Squares will be celebrating thirty-one years of dancing. Happy Birthday Panthers.

Get well wishes goes out to Betty Roberts from all at the club.

## SUMMERLAND LARRIKINS

Caller: Frances Hickson

We were planning to start dancing again in February, but again COVID19 restrictions came into force and had to cancel. We are resuming Friday 4th March 2022. Happy Birthday Jean.

### Internet Sites

SQUARE DANCE AUSTRALIA	<a href="https://squaredanceaustralia.org/">https://squaredanceaustralia.org/</a>
ARDA	<a href="http://www.rounddancing.org.au/index.html">http://www.rounddancing.org.au/index.html</a>
ACF	<a href="http://www.aussiecallers.org.au/">http://www.aussiecallers.org.au/</a>
ACT SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY	<a href="http://www.squaredancecanberra.org">http://www.squaredancecanberra.org</a>
SARDA NSW	<a href="https://www.sardansw.com/">https://www.sardansw.com/</a>
	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/NSWSquareDancing">https://www.facebook.com/NSWSquareDancing</a>
QLD SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY	<a href="https://www.squaredancingsocietyofqueensland.org">https://www.squaredancingsocietyofqueensland.org</a>
SQUARE DANCE VICTORIA	<a href="https://www.vstda.asn.au">https://www.vstda.asn.au</a>
SA SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY	<a href="http://www.squaredancingsa.com/">http://www.squaredancingsa.com/</a>
TAWS	<a href="http://www.taws.info">www.taws.info</a>
NEW ZEALAND S & R	<a href="http://www.nzsquaredance.webs.com">http://www.nzsquaredance.webs.com</a>
CANADIAN S & R	<a href="http://www.squaredance.ca">http://www.squaredance.ca</a>
BRITISH SQUARE & ROUND DANCING	<a href="http://www.ukssquaredancing.com">www.ukssquaredancing.com</a>
EUROPEAN WEB SITES	<a href="http://eaasdc.de">http://eaasdc.de</a>
TRAVELLING IN EUROPE	<a href="http://www.benzcenter.de/RouteSDC/locations.html">http://www.benzcenter.de/RouteSDC/locations.html</a>
JAPAN SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION	<a href="http://www.squaredance.or.jp/">http://www.squaredance.or.jp/</a>
CALLERLAB WEBSITE	<a href="http://www.callerlab.org">http://www.callerlab.org</a>
SQUARE DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY PROGRAM	<a href="http://www.callarama.com">http://www.callarama.com</a>
<u>A Great Website For Dancers To Use Between Classes</u>	
<a href="http://www.tamtwirlers.org/tamination/info/index.html">http://www.tamtwirlers.org/tamination/info/index.html</a>	



# 62<sup>nd</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Day & Night ~ Let's make it bright

A convention for you  
Goulburn 2022

**Venue:** The Goulburn Recreation Area (Veolia Arena) is located at 45 Braidwood Rd, Goulburn NSW 2580 and will be the venue for the 62<sup>nd</sup> ANSDC. Goulburn is a regional city in southern NSW. It is approx. 1 hour drive from Canberra and 2 hours from Sydney.

**Dance sessions at a glance:** Thursday evening, Friday afternoon (Rounds only), Friday evening, Saturday morning (Clogging only), Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening, Monday afternoon (Squares only), Monday evening (Theme night: "Day & Night, IT'S PYJAMA NIGHT").

**Parking:** The stadium has an abundance of free parking with ample lighting. The closest parking access to our main venue, Veolia Arena, is from Gate #3 and #4.

**Accommodation:** Goulburn is a large rural town which has a variety of accommodation. The venue has some powered and non-powered camp sites available for those wishing to stay onsite. For onsite powered and unpowered sites please contact Anne Ruddell (Recreation Facility Manager) directly via phone 02 4823 4901 or email [anne.ruddell@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anne.ruddell@goulburn.nsw.gov.au). Other accommodation options can be found at <https://www.goulburnaustralia.com.au/visit-and-explore/stay/>

**Dancer Registration:** Please ensure you complete your registration form clearly and ensure financial details are correct. Any expense incurred by the committee for incorrect or illegible details will be passed on to the credit card holder or first listed dancer. Non-dancers should also register to receive a non-dancer ribbon (there is no charge for non-dancers). Spectators may be admitted free of charge to a designated area. **Dancers are encouraged to complete their registration online where possible – link available on website.**

**Caller/Cuer Registration:** Callers and cuers interested in being programmed must register as a dancer as well as completing the caller/cuer registration. Registration does not guarantee inclusion on the program. Closing date for caller/cuer registrations is 31st December 2021.

**Junior Dancer/Child Minding:** A registration fee of \$70 will be charged for Junior Dancers aged under 18 and/or child minding (children under 12 only). Child minding will not be available during daytime sessions, only evening dance sessions. Parents/caregivers of registered children will be contacted individually regarding further information such as dietary requirements, items to bring etc.

**Convention Packs:** Convention packs will be available for collection at the venue on Thursday 21st April between **1pm and 3pm**. After this time, they will be available between 7pm and 8.30pm on Thursday and Friday. If you would like to have your Program Booklet and Convention Ribbon posted, please complete the appropriate section on the registration form. There will be a cost of \$5 per postal address for this service and they will be posted in the first week of April 2022.

**Refreshments:** The cafe will be open at various times during the convention for the purchase of drinks and snacks and light meals.

**Booths:** Booth space is available to suitable vendors for a cost of \$50 (1 table and 2 chairs will be provided with additional tables available at a cost of \$20 each). Booth holders will be contacted after registration has been received to discuss specific needs such as power requirements etc.

**Theme:** Our 'Day & Night, Let's Make it Bright' theme will be the theme for the convention. Dancers are encouraged to dress in bright colours for all convention sessions. Monday night will be our theme night: "Day and Night, IT'S PYJAMA NIGHT".

**Dressed Set Parade:** Clubs wishing to be included in the Dressed Set Parade should provide relevant details on the registration form. Our Dressed Set parade will be held on **Saturday** evening.

**Advertising in the Program:** We welcome advertising in our Program Booklet at a cost of \$50 for a full page (A6 size). Please complete the appropriate section on the registration form. Artwork should be emailed in MS Word, PDF or JPG format no later than 31st December 2021 to: [enquiries.g22@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.g22@gmail.com). Inclusion of advertisements is at the discretion of the committee.

**COVID-19:** Please note changes may apply to any of the above, at the discretion of the committee, based on COVID-19 restrictions or concerns at the time of the convention. Numbers may be limited.

*For more information please email us at [enquiries.g22@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.g22@gmail.com)*

*or contact Jason on 0408 429 270 or Leanne on 0413 459 974*

*Our postal address is 62nd ANSDC, PO Box 5101, Hoppers Crossing, VIC Australia 3029*

[www.goulburn2022.com.au](http://www.goulburn2022.com.au)



# 62nd AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

21st - 25th April 2022

Registration Form - Page 1 of 2 - Please complete using BLOCK LETTERS and TICKING APPROPRIATE BOXES.



## PRIMARY REGISTRATION DETAILS

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN / CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE CONTACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY EMAIL CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Dancers on this form attending their first National Convention

Indication of gender is optional and is used only for statistical analysis

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## ADDITIONAL ADULT REGISTRATION DETAILS - DANCER / NON-DANCER

Family Name Preferred Name Non Dancer

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Email Contact

Tick sessions you are likely to attend

MS	P	A1	A2	Rds	Clog	M	F
<input type="checkbox"/>							
<input type="checkbox"/>							
<input type="checkbox"/>							

M (Male) F (Female)

## YOUNGER ATTENDEE DETAILS - CHILD MINDING / JUNIOR DANCERS

Family Name Preferred Name Age as at 21/04/2022

_____	_____	_____	M	F	CHILD MINDING YES NO	DANCER YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/>						
<input type="checkbox"/>						

Child minding will be available during evening sessions for children up to the age of 12 as at 21 April 2022.

Child minding will not be available for morning or afternoon sessions.

Those registering for child minding will be contacted by our committee to discuss further details.

Junior Dancers are dancers up to the age of 18 as at 21 April 2022.

Please complete pages 1 & 2 of the registration form and return with a copy of your EFT receipt/cheque/money order to :- Treasurer, 62nd ANSDC, PO Box 5101, Hoppers Crossing, Victoria 3029 Or scan and email with the EFT receipt details to: regtreasurer.g22@gmail.com

## ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY

Receipt No/s \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No/s \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

Caller/Cuer  Younger Attendees  Child Minding  Dressed Set  Advertise  Booth  First Convention





There are a number of reasons why you should come to the Blue Mountains. The most important being that you square & round dance for two glorious days and three nights in October.

In between dancing you may like to visit Wentworth Falls – Great waterfall and the start of several good walking tracks. Leura – Picturesque village with lovely shops and cafes, access to stunning lookouts and Katoomba – Main town centre in the mountains and home to the Three Sisters

Did you know? The mountains are not mountains but rather a valley that was formed over 50 million years ago.

Registrations are open and a form was included in the November magazine. Forms are also available from the website at <https://www.2020sdconvention.com/registration> or you can contact the convenor on 0411 888515 and a form can be posted to your address. Some clubs also have hard copies available when you return to dancing. So don't delay fill out a form today!

**If the Convention is cancelled due to Covid restrictions a full refund will be given.** All government health regulations and protocols of the time will be adhered to ensure the safety and well being of dancers, callers and cuers.

## BLUE MOUNTAINS MYSTERY TOUR

**Monday 3rd October 2022**

***Want to see a bit more of the Blue Mountains?***

***Fantastic Aussie Tours are experts in the business!***

***Interested?***

Let us know when you register either online or on the hard copy registration form.

Price will be between \$75 and \$80 per head and will include lunch. Indicating interest will not be taken as a commitment. We will keep in touch with those who have indicated interest as the event gets closer.

## NSW CLUB DIARY MONDAY

**KNEE DEEP SQUARES** Caller: Chris Froggatt 02 9542 3518

Miranda North Public School 162b The Boulevarde, Miranda

Weekly 7.30 – 10pm Plus Linda 0421 133 518

**SOUTHSIDE ROUNDS** Cuer: Ed Coleman 0429900454

Beecroft Uniting Church Hall, Beecroft Rd. Beecroft

Weekly 7.30pm Phase III and IV

**THE RED BARONS** Caller: Barry Wonson 02 4229 4059

Wollongong Senior Citizens Centre 192 Gipps Rd Gwynneville NSW 2500

Weekly 7.30pm Mainstream/Plus

**TOP CATS ROUNDS** Cuer: Brett Gill Wendy 0415 222 150

Sutherland Uniting Church Hall (Cnr Flora/Merton Streets), Sutherland 2232 Weekly

Weekly 6.15pm Phase II & III

**TOP CATS ROUNDS** Cuer: Brett Gill Wendy 0415 222 150

Sutherland Uniting Church Hall (Cnr Flora/Merton Streets), Sutherland 2232

Weekly 8pm Phase III & IV - Workshop

## NSW CLUB DIARY TUESDAY

**COFFS HARBOUR** Gwen Barnes 0414 897 329

Ingenia Gardens Retirement Village 94 Taloumbi Road Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Weekly 3.30pm Mainstream **CURRENTLY IN RECESS**

**HILLBILLIES** Callers: Steve & Vickie Dean 0411 751186

Beecroft Primary School Hall 90-98 Beecroft Road Beecroft NSW 2119

Weekly 8pm Plus but caters for Mainstream

**NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES** Contact: Doug Lewis 02 9402 0842

Ted Blackwood Community Centre Hall Cnr Jackson & Boondah Roads Warriewood

Weekly 8pm Plus/Mainstream Caller: Brian Hotchkies

**PELICAN PROMENADERS** Cuer: Anne Glazier 0409 938 345

Tuggerah Community Hall 9 Anzac Road Tuggerah NSW 2259

Weekly 7.00pm Beginner Rounds

**TOP CATS ROUNDS** Cuer: Brett Gill Wendy 0415 222 150

Sutherland Uniting Church Hall (Cnr Flora/Merton Streets), Sutherland 2232 Weekly

6.15pm Phase II & III - Rotating rhythm class

## NSW CLUB DIARY TUESDAY

### TOP CATS SQUARES

Caller: Brett Gill

Wendy 0415 222 150

Sutherland Uniting Church Hall (Cnr Flora/Merton Streets), Sutherland 2232

Weekly 8pm

Plus

### WINGHAM S.D CLUB

Contact: Bruce Stevens

0428 652 965

Wingham Public School 157 Murray Road Wingham NSW 2429

Weekly 7.30pm Except school holidays Mainstream

**CURRENTLY IN RECESS**

## NSW CLUB DIARY WEDNESDAY

### B-BAR-H

Caller: Brian Hotchkies 0407-290-010 02 4392 0336\

Cnr Warnervale & Virginia Roads, Warnervale

Weekly 6:30 A1.

7:30 Mainstream & Plus

### CLOVERLEAF DANCERS

Contact: Max

0411 501646

Kootingal War Memorial Hall 8A Denman Avenue Kootingal NSW 2352

Weekly 7.30pm

Basic & Mainstream

**CURRENTLY IN RECESS**

### GUYS & DOLLS

Caller: Arthur Rae

Juliana 0409 313185

Corrimal Uniting Church Hall Cnr Russell & Underwood Streets Corrimal NSW 2518

First & Third 7.00pm

Mainstream

### PANTHER SQUARES

Caller: Maree Huffadine

02 9610 2523

Surveyors Creek Community Ctre Ballybunnion Terrace Glenmore Park NSW 2745

7.30pm

Basic & Mainstream

### SUSSEX/SOALHAVEN

Caller: Jan Johnson

02 4402 9038

Weekly 7pm Rounds & Squares-Basic, Mainstream & Plus

### TARTAN PROMENADERS

Contact: Violet

0421 196 163

Caller: Les Heaton

Cardiff Senior Citizens Hall, 54 Harrison Street Cardiff

Weekly 7pm

Rounds, Mainstream & Plus

### WANDERING STARS

Callers: David & Shirley Gibbs

02 9798 9374

East Hills Baptist Church 34 Forrest Rd East Hills

Weekly 8pm

Basic/Mainstream

### WESLEY SENIORS

Contact: Pattie Hayes 02 9267 1239

220 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000 CD's Daytime

Weekly Mainstream 10am till Noon . Plus 1:30pm 3:30pm

## NSW CLUB DIARY THURSDAY

### **CARPENTER & CO**

Caller: Gary Carpenter

0429 827 793

9 Anzac Road Tuggerah NSW 2259

Weekly 7pm

Basic & Mainstream

### **TOP CATS SQUARES**

Caller: Brett Gill

Wendy 0415 222 150

Sutherland Uniting Church Hall (Cnr Flora/Merton Streets), Sutherland 2232

Weekly 8pm

Mainstream

## NSW CLUB DIARY FRIDAY

### **KNEE DEEP SQUARES**

Caller: Chris Froggatt

0421 133 518

Jannali Community Hall Cnr Jannali Avenue & Mary Street Jannali NSW 2226

Weekly 7.30pm

Basic & Mainstream

### **MOUNTAIN DEVILS**

Caller: David Todd

0411 888 515

Glenbrook Public School Woodville St, Glenbrook NSW 2773

Weekly 7.15pm

Mainstream & Plus

### **SUMMERLAND LARRIKINS**

Caller: Frances Hickson

0407 663017

Alstonville Uniting Church Hall 60 Main Street Alstonville NSW 2477

Weekly 7.30pm

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## Brian Hotchkies 60 years of Calling

This article has been taken from the April 2011 magazine as Brian prepared to celebrate fifty years of calling in May 2011 with some great callers from Australia and Al Stevens from Germany.

Brian started square dancing in February 1962. Eleven months later he entered an amateur callers contest and this sparked his enthusiasm of square dance calling forever more.

Brian started calling for the local YMCA square dance club in May the same year and in 1967 the club changed it's name to be the B-Bar-H square dance club and although now in a different venue, Brian is still running this club today.

1968 saw Brian record his first ever vinyl record and has since then recorded approximately 100 records or CD's for various square dance labels.

During the next few years Brian's experience grew and he was quite often asked by other callers to 'teach' them how to call. Brian started running caller clinics in around 1967 and still runs at least 1-2 in Australia and New Zealand each year. Brian has also attended three Callerlab seminars in the USA and numerous Mini-Labs that have been held in Australia.

In 1978 Brian decided to give up his "day job" and became Australia's first "full time" square dance caller. Brian quickly became known as Australia's "FUN" caller. He got this title not only from the comic things he would do from the stage (such as wearing a yellow polka dot bikini when calling the number by the same title or still continuing to call when someone placed an empty garbage bin over his head!!) but also from the amazing formations that he could call.



Brian is famous for his progressive squares where whole squares are moved from one side of the hall to another whilst interacting with other squares along the way. He is also known for his tandem squares where one square is inside another and also his six couple sets. Square dancing with Brian Hotchkies is never dull!

Brian has been involved with the sound management and programming of a number of State and National Square Dance Conventions within Australia. He has contributed to the success of these conventions through his support as well as being a favourite with the dancers.

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## Brian Hotchkies Continued

Brian has been recognised by the New South Wales Callers Association for his outstanding support and work with callers and has been granted Life Membership of this association.



Brian has regular engagements each year throughout Australia, NZ and the UK. He is proud of his achievements and grateful for the opportunities that he has had throughout his calling career. Brian has been a 'staff caller' for the International Square Dance Convention held in Perth Australia and the Aloha State Square Dance Convention and has been the feature caller for the Mid Winter Festival in Oregon as well as a weekend festival every second year in England.

Apart from NZ, USA and UK as mentioned above, Brian has had the pleasure of calling in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and on a cruise in the Pacific Ocean, of course along with every state in Australia. In 2009 Brian was also asked to travel to Benguet State University in the Philippines where he taught over 1000 students and teachers how to square dance. One of the highlights of Brian's career was calling in the Sydney Opera House when the Queen of England was visiting.

Dancers from all around the world make positive comments about Brian's calling. The main compliments Brian gets is on his voice clarity and how smooth, well timed, interesting and flowing his choreography is.

Brian is an extremely well liked and respected caller both throughout Australia and the world and always looks forward to meeting new people that share his passion for square dancing. Brian's expertise in the field of square dancing has given help and enjoyment to many dancers and callers over the past 50 years. We congratulate him on his 50th year of calling and hope his enthusiasm will continue for many years to come.

And obviously it has, as now we are up to Brian's sixtieth year, congratulations!



# Round Dance Matters Cha Cha Basics

Cha cha is a rhythm which is included in the Category A ( Showcase level) rounds on our Australian National Round Dance List. It is a catchy, lively rhythm that can be great fun to dance. A Beautiful Time ( two step/ cha) and Folsom Prison Blues (cha) have been popular on the round dance list for many years and they are joined now by other easy level chas in Category A. To be Category A, Cha and Rumba dances must be no higher than phase III + 1, with the plus one only being able to be an alemana or an aida- ie- they must only have the entry-level/easy figures. But how to approach this rhythm if we are only used to two step or waltz? Let's begin by introducing this great rhythm. The following information comes from an excellent resource- Harold Sear's website <http://www.rounddancing.net>. There is a wealth of easy to read information about round dancing, the different rhythms and movements with good clear explanations on this site. The excerpts below come an article contributed to the site by Tim Eum who explains some of the history and basics of the Cha Cha.

"Cha Cha is an offshoot of Mambo, and both had their roots in Cuba and then in New York. In the middle of the 19th century, Cuba was the cultural centre of the Hispanic world and the most economically prosperous of the Spanish colonies. Here was where Hispanic music and dance developed. Many Hispanics migrated to New York, and they brought their music and dance with them. Mambo was developed in New York in the 1930's. One of the variants of Mambo was the "Triple Mambo" and the swishing of the feet on the floor created a "cha cha cha" sound. Arthur Murray (of Dance Studio fame) took this and simplified it, creating the "4&1 Cha Cha." He also slowed it down slightly and made it more methodical. By the 1950's, Cha Cha was enormously popular in nightclubs in North America. This continued until the 1960's when other dances became more popular." .."Round Dance Cha Cha is a little different than Ballroom Cha Cha. Whereas Ballroom dancers use the "4&1 Cha Cha" technique, Round Dancers rock and recover on beats 1 and 2 and cha/cha cha on beats 3 and 4 of the music." ...

"CHA CHA BASIC — Go sideways on the cha cha cha.

The Cha Cha Basic is a two-measure figure that goes "rock forward, recover, side/close, side; rock back, recover, side/close, side;"

After the rock, recover, the cha cha cha should be done sideways like a very quick side two step. Doing this will give you sideways momentum that carries well into other Cha Cha figures like New Yorkers, Fence Lines, Hand to Hands, and many others. Not doing this will make going into the following figure more difficult.

Note that a Half Basic has the side cha in it. There are defined figures where the cha cha chas do go forward or back but you should use these only if you are doing a forward or backward progressing figure like a Chase."

Tim Eum originally prepared these Tips for Calls 'n' Cues, (WASCA); reprinted in the Dixie Round Dance Council (DRDC) Newsletter, December 2009. And appears on <http://www.rounddancing.net/dance/articles/guest/eum/chachabasic.html> submitted by Paula Armstrong 2017

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