

STAR COUNTRY SQUARES

HOW IT ALL STARTED

April 11th, 1999 a joint meeting of the Executives from Stardusters Square Dance Club and Sun Country Squares met at the White Spot Restaurant to set some guidelines for an amalgamation of the two Clubs.

It was agreed to draw up a draft constitution to be presented to a joint general meeting April 25th, 1999. Discussions were held re dance nights, booking of hall, type of dancing offered. It was agreed our honorary members would receive letters in keeping with this honour. All members will receive a draft of the constitution.

An election of officers was held at the Joint General Meeting held at Schubert Centre April 25th, 1999. These officers will serve the yet unnamed joint club:

President:	John/Val Leasing
Vice Pres:	Ann/Neil Kelly
Secretary:	Yvonne Quaedvlieg
Treasurer:	Genie/Dale French

The joint club will offer Beginners, Mainstream and Plus Learning.

The Club would be known as the "Vernon Square Dancers" in the interim and a colour committee was established. (Joan Bourget, Nonie Klassen and Lu Plumdidge).

The first meeting of the Executive was held at John/Val Leasing's home May 6th, 1999. Normal Club business was discussed, e.g. caller and cuer contracts, party nights, etc.

A General Meeting was held June 2nd and important items of business were new Club Name, Club Colours, etc. with 77 members in attendance.

STAR COUNTRY SQUARES was chosen by 56% of members in attendance at the General Meeting.

Meeting of Executive of STAR COUNTRY SQUARES was held June 24th, 1999 with full complement of Committee members from both Stardusters and Sun Country, as follows: (Schubert Centre)

John/Val Leasing - President	Rose Van Der Meer - Pres. Stardusters
Ann/Neil Kelly - Vice Pres.	Jake Siebel - Past Pres. Stardusters
Genie/Dale French- Treasurer	Joan Bourget - Colour Committee
Yvonne Quaedvlieg- Secretary	Helen Sidney, Sunshine, Stardusters
Frank/Nonie Klassen - Pres., Sun Country Squares	

Lifetime members are Duke Procter, Kay and Walker Sangster, Vella Golke and Grace Fuhr.

Club Badge and Club Banner Designs would be requested from members.

Dance nights are Wednesday at Eagles hall, with callers Rene Bourget and Mike Rogers; Mainstream, with half hour of Plus from 7 - 7:30 p.m. Peter/Stella Tennant, Cuers. Beginners will be Thursday evenings, caller Rene Bourget, at the Alexis Park School.

Executive meeting December 5th, 1999 saw our new colours of black background, with fuscia, green and purple appliques; cost of initial skirts \$15.00. A kit packaging work bee was established for ease of distribution of material.

Clarification of Life Members and Honorary Members was established.

It was agreed to assume our new identity "STAR COUNTRY SQUARES" as of January 1st, 2000.

Our first official Executive Meeting was held January 23rd, 2000.

Marilyn Osthiemer, Decofating; Janan and Jim Tidball, New Dancers; Ron/Gerda Piper and Grace/Dennis Patterson, Food Convenors; Alma Houchen, 50/50; Helen Sidney/Joan Duggen, Sunshine; Yvonne Quaedvlieg, Historian; Bill/Vera Whitnack, O.S.R.D.A.; Anna Chute/Anita Erickson, Banner Construction.

So, here we are, a brand new identity .. new badges in black with white engraving and a little multi-coloured stone set into it.

Yvonne Quaedvlieg
Yvonne Quaedvlieg,
Club Historian.