

THE 'SILVER SPUR' AWARD:

In Square Dancing today, there are many individuals who, through inspiration, toil and unselfishness, have helped to bring the true spirit of Square Dancing to their fellow men. Through this service, they have won their "Spurs" and in recognition, since the mid 1950's, the American "Sets in Order" Foundation has periodically honoured certain individuals, and groups with the "Silver Spur" Award.

Early recipients in the U.S.A., included such notables as Dr Lloyd Shaw, Lawrence Loy, John Mooney, Thelma and Harold Deane, and Ed Gilmore, and in 1958 the Square Dancers of Queensland, through their State Society, decided to confer similar honours for outstanding contribution to the movement in this State. Graham Rigby received the award at the first State Jamboree in the Tamborine Mountains and fifteen years later a further award was extended to Val Rigby at the Fifteenth Sunshine State Round Up.

In 1988 it was decided that confidential and written nominations for the Silver Spur Award be made to the Executive Committee for discussion and decision on behalf of a person who has given outstanding service to the Square Dancing movement and whose work has been remembered with high regard.

It is not necessary for Silver Spurs to be presented every year and in fact the opportunity may not arise often or until many years after the actual deeds have been done. The recipient and deeds must stand the test of time to be eligible for nomination for the "Silver Spur" Status.

Nominations should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and forwarded to the Secretary or President with details of reasons for nomination.

LIST OF RECIPIENTS TO DATE:

GRAHAM RIGBY
VAL RIGBY
ERIC & DOT WENDELL
SID AND BETTY LEIGHTON
PETER AND EV JOHNSON
DEIDRE DUNCAN
BILL AND BETH MCHARDY
ELVA HOPPE
IVOR BURGE
BOB MERCER
DON AND LESLEY PROELLOCKS
NEV & BEV McLACHLAN
SAM & NAN SAPUPPO