



# Lower North Island RSCDS Centenary Ball

## **Balmoral Strathspey (4C - 32 - S) John Charles 22/3**

This was the first dance from a Kiwi deviser adopted by the Society. Book 22 was the first book to include only modern dances. John ('Jock') Charles (from Kawerau, Bay of Plenty) was a Scot from Banff who arrived in New Zealand in 1953 aboard the government owned immigrant ship 'James Cook'.

## **The Reel of the 51st Division (3C - 32 - R) 13/10**

This is the first modern dance adopted by the RSCDS, under recommendation from Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II. Famously devised by prisoners of war.

## **Pelorus Jack (3C - 32 - J) Barry Skelton 41/1**

Barry Skelton is another prolific New Zealand deviser with many excellent dances including this one from Book 45. The 'dolphin reels' were originally created by Barry Priddey and first used in his dance *The Flight Of The Falcon*. Barry's dance is much loved worldwide. Pelorus Jack was a famous Risso's dolphin which once accompanied ships from Nelson to Wellington.

## **The Reverend John MacFarlane (4C - 32 - R) Gary Morris 37/1**

Gary Morris was a tutor in Wellington with the Ngaio Club, and later became an RSCDS examiner. This dance commemorates the first Christian (Presbyterian) religious service held on the Petone foreshore on 23rd February 1840. John MacFarlane arrived in Wellington on the 'Bengal Merchant' in 1840 with two shiploads of Scots. He returned to Scotland in Oct 1844 and settled at Inverary, Argyllshire.

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