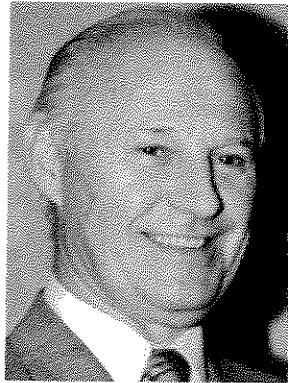


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Crystal Palace Dancesport Cup

Information about future important competitions has started to arrive. First I have learned that the pre-Blackpool Crystal Palace Dancesport Cup competitions will have to take place at another venue this year as Crystal Palace is undergoing a refurbishment programme and will not be available. Organisers Nick and Olga tell me that they will be staging their competitions at the Ibis Hotel in Lillie Road, Earl's Court, on the other side of the river. All the early rounds will take place as usual in the morning and afternoon of Monday 19th May. The semi-finals and finals will feature in a Dinner Dance style presentation in the evening. It sounds very good indeed. Plans are not yet finalised but full information will be available shortly. At least the date is the usual one, just two days after the Imperial Championships at Lakeside and a few days before we all go to Blackpool, so our overseas friends can plan accordingly.

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German Open Championships

This year will see the 22nd German Open Championships, to be held in Stuttgart from the 12th to the 16th August. This is one of the world's major presentations with the competitions being held simultaneously in three ballrooms, the Reihalle, the Hegelsaal and the wonderful Beethovensalle, all contained in the Culture and Congress Centre Leiderhalle. This has been done to accommodate the vast number of entries. There will be even more television coverage of events this year and once again the World Boogie Woogie Championships will provide a most interesting and entertaining session between some of the important series of GOC competitions. The programme includes Grand Slam Latin and Standard and competitions in both styles for all age groups. Keep a look out on the web site for fuller details as they are released. It is www.goc-stuttgart.de or by e-mail to harry-koerner@goc-stuttgart.de

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