



RPM CALLER SCHOLARSHIPS

RPM have awarded Caller Scholarships to Philip Mee and Paul Radcliffe to assist them further their caller training. Becoming a Caller is consuming in terms of time and finance - Philip and Paul are calling at Clubs on a regular basis but do not, as yet, receive any financial remuneration. The RPM Scholarship will enable them both to attend the GSI Caller School. Attendance at the school is free but Callers have to be self-funding with regard to expenses.

As the son of an existing caller (John) 29 year old **Philip Mee** has been attending dances/clubs since he was a week old; he graduated in 1991. He is currently a joint club leader at Humberside Steppers. He has been learning to call for the past 12 month, fitting it round his full time job. Philip aims to bring a younger membership to his Club. GSI will be Philip's introduction to formal caller training.

RPM felt Philip was deserving of a scholarship because, as the youngest active caller in the Yorkshire Federation, attending GSI will not only help him develop his calling skills but also benefit the continuance of square dancing in Yorkshire.

Paul Radcliffe has been square dancing for two years at Wheelers & Dealers and Soles & Heels. He is a retired firefighter who has been calling for just over a year; Alan Covacic is his mentor. They hire a hall once a month with volunteer dancers acting as guinea pigs. Paul organises the evenings as if they were club nights. At these sessions he practices patter and singing calls plus teaching tips. He attends Susie Kelly's caller training sessions once a month, calls a guest tips at Soles & Heels once a week and travels to dances to gain additional experience as a guest caller. He also serves on the Committee of the London & Home Counties RCA.

RPM felt Paul was deserving of a Scholarship because he tells us he intends to start a new club in September 2010 possibly in the Daventry area .He has already made a considerable investment in his own caller training paying part of the hall costs for his mentoring and caller training sessions...

CONGRATULATIONS PHILIP AND PAUL
– WE LOOK FORWARD TO DANCING TO YOU

NB Caller Scholarships have also been made available by GSI International