

Choreo-Wise

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Hi There!

I hope that Christmas and New Year have been a happy and successful time for you.

2002 sees the start of the fifth year of Choreo-wise – as usual I have spent considerable time in December and January making plans for the material that will be presented this year. Starting next issue there will be a slight change in format. Due to the amalgamation of the Basic and Mainstream programs there will now be 3 pages devoted to Mainstream. Previously there has been one page devoted to A-level. This year sees 2 pages of A-level material – 1 page for A-1 and 1page for A-2. I hope that this decision causes more joy than it causes grief.

I hope that subscribers who don't call A-level still have a look at the A-level pages – it is quite possible that some of the material presented there will fit into your Mainstream and Plus programs.

This year will see C-Bar-C & Seven C's putting out some new material on CD. So far CD sales have been very low when compared to vinyl records. I hope that as more and more callers move to Minidisk, the purchase of music on CD will become more acceptable to Square Dance callers. The music that will be released on CD will, in general, have three different keys, a harmony instrumental and three calls (each one featuring a different program).

February sees the release of 'Home Among The Gum Trees' on both vinyl record and CD. The record features calling by Ian Mitchem. The CD features a Mainstream track and a Plus track by Ian, while I call an easy level Basic routine. There is a choice of music with or without a didgeridoo introduction – as well as a choice of keys and an additional track that has vocal harmony in the background; all for basically the same cost as a record.

The Callers' School in January was attended by 15 students and was a great success. The dance weekend that followed had close to maximum numbers at each session and seemed to be well received by all who attended – a big thanks to Steve Turner for coming along to help out with both functions. At this point in time our A-level in March is a sell-out as well – we are looking forward to a good year and hope that you are too!

Kind regards until next time.

Glitches from Issues #40

p. 466 - second column, second routine - replace Swing Corner with Allemande Left

Abbreviations Often Used In Choreo-Wise:

SS = Squared Set (or Static Square)

L1p = Zero Line (i.e. Heads Lead Right and Circle To A Line)

B1c = Zero Box (i.e. Heads Square Thru)

W1c = Zero Wave (i.e. Heads Square Thru and Make a Wave)

DYP = Do Your Part



Some Fun Routines

This month the basic pages will look at some routines that are basically good fun. Choreographically they are very straight-forward, but they will make the dancers think, and probably have a good giggle along the way.

The first routine sets up an Arky-style Zero Circle where all dancers are in sequence and with their partner. The dancers will perform some simple zero modules, but the fact that they are working with the same sex will give them plenty of variety...

SS

Four Ladies Chain
Four Ladies Chain
Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left Three-eighths
Men Forward & Back
Men Flutterwheel
Men Reverse Flutterwheel
Ladies Forward & Back
Ladies Flutterwheel
Ladies Reverse Flutterwheel
Everyone Circle Right
Swing Partner
Promenade

The basis of the routine is that all dancers are next to their partner and all are in sequence. As long as well call Zero modules, the resolution will always be to Swing the Partner.

This next routine uses Separates as the theme...

SS

Heads Half-sashay Circle Left Men Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line Circle Left Ladies Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line Circle Left Men Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line Circle Left Ladies Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line Circle Left Swing Partner Promenade

Any number of zeros will work in this situation...

SS

Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Men Forward & Back
Men Pass the Ocean
Centre Men Trade
Men Swing Thru
Centre Men Run
Men Bend the Line
Circle Left
Swing Partner
Promenade

SS

Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Ladies Forward & Back
Ladies Pass the Ocean
Ladies Recycle
Ladies Sweep a Quarter
Circle Left
Swing Partner
Promenade

SS

Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Men Forward & Back
Ladies Face the Girl Beside You
Grand Square
Circle Left
Swing Partner
Promenade

SS

Heads Half-sashay Circle Left Three-eighths Men Forward & Back Men Swing Thru Centre Men Run Men Wheel & Deal Circle Left Swing Partner Promenade

SS

Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Men Forward & Back
Men Pass Thru
Separate 'round 2 to a Line
Circle Left
Swing Partner
Promenade

SS

Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Men Forward & Back
Men Spin the Top
Centre Men Run
Men Bend the Line
Men Touch a Quarter
Men Walk & Dodge
Swing Partner
Promenade

The alternative to resolving by Circling and Swinging is to use a Square Thru or Equivalent, which should have

everyone finishing Facing their own Partner...

SS

Heads Half-sashay Circle Left Men Forward & Back Men Square Thru Swing Partner Promenade



Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Ladies Forward & Back
Ladies Pass the Ocean
Ladies Swing Thru
Centre Ladies Run
Ladies Veer Right
Men Courtesy Turn Your Partner
Promenade

SS

Heads Half-sashay
Circle Left
Ladies Forward & Back
Ladies Pass the Ocean
End Ladies Trade
Centre Ladies Trade
Extend
Swing Partner
Promenade

Heads Half-sashav

SS

Circle Left
Men Forward & Back
Men Half-sashay
Men Pass the Ocean
Centre Men Run
Men Bend the Line
Men Half-square Thru
Pass Thru
Same Sex Allemande Left
Look for Partner - Swing Partner
Promenade



Fold & Crossfold

My approach to programming at a dance is similar to my approach to planning material for Choreo-wise – I work out what I need to practice and that is what I call, and what I write.

I should use Cross-fold and Fold more than I have been doing recently - this material should give me a gentle reminder in that direction...

SS **Heads**

Heads Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line Pass Thru

Ends Cross-fold

B₁c

SS

Heads Pass Thru
Separate 'round 1 to a Line
Forward & Back]
Men Half-sashay
Ladies Half-sashay
Pass Thru
Centres Cross-fold

B1c

From any outfacing-line that has Men together on the Left-hand end and ladies together on the Right-hand end, if you call Ends or Centres Cross-fold you will finish with an Eight Chain Thru formation with a normal gender arrangement.

Did you know that by definition you should not call Cross-fold to Men or Ladies in the above situation. Cross-fold is specifically done by Ends or Centres – the only time you should call it to Men or Ladies is if all the Men/Ladies are Ends or all the Men/Ladies are Centres.

From an outfacing-line with Ladies together on the Left-hand end, Crossfold will result in a half-sashayed arrangement...

SS
Heads Pass Thru
Separate 'round 1 to a Line
Pass Thru
Tag the Line
Face Out
Ends Cross-fold
Pass Thru
Right & Left Grand
Face In - You're Home

If you call Cross-fold from an Outfacing-line where both couples in the line have either a normal gender arrangement or a half-sashayed gender arrangement, you will finish with dancers facing someone with the same gender as them...

L1p Pass Thru Ends Cross-fold Swing Thru Hinge Men Trade All Eight Circulate Right & Left Grand

Llp
Right & Left Thru
Half-sashay
Pass Thru
Ends Cross-fold
Swing Thru
Men Trade
Everyone Turn Thru
Courtesy Turn

Fold and Cross-fold also work well from an Inverted Line...

Llp
Right & Left Thru
Half-sashay
Pass Thru
Centres Trade
Ends Fold
Double Pass Thru
Leaders Trade
Slide Thru
Pass Thru
Bend the Line
Lip

I have deliberately set-up a halfsashayed gender arrangement so that the Centres will have a normal gender arrangement for the Centres Trade.

Llp
Right & Left Thru
Half-sashay
Pass Thru
Centres Trade
Ends Cross-fold
Double Pass Thru
Face In
Bend the Line
Llp

In this next routine I have set-up the same gender in the Centre...

Llp
Pass the Ocean
Ladies Trade
Ladies Run
Tag the Line
Face In
Pass Thru
Ladies/Centres Trade
Men/Ends Fold
Double Pass Thru
Cloverleaf
Ladies/Centres Turn Thru
Star Thru
Promenade

The next routine features a Fold from a simple but non-standard situation...

Heads Pass Thru
Head Ladies Fold
Star Thru
Ladies Pass Thru
In the wave - Swing Thru
Men Pass Thru
Centres Veer Right
Ends U-turn Back
Pass Thru
Trade By
Pass Thru
Swing Partner

A nice and simple get-out module, with good body-flow, is...

Llp Pass the Ocean Swing Thru Ladies Cross-fold Right & Left Grand

Llp
Half-square Thru
Trade By
Circle to a Line
Pass the Ocean
Hinge
Centres Trade
Centres Run
Bend the Line
Pass Thru
Ends Cross-fold
Right & Left Grand

Singing Call - corner Progression

Heads Right & Left Thru
Heads Half-sashay
Heads Pass Thru
Separate 'round 1 to a Line
Slide Thru
Right & Left Thru
Star Thru
Pass the Ocean
Swing Thru
Ladies Cross-fold
Swing & Promenade



changes our formation from parallel mini-waves to an Ocean Wave).

By changing the axis of a formation in

Changing Wave Direction

Some of the following routines are relatively difficult for dancers. The reason for the difficulty is the combination of some figures axis of the formation. This change of formation and axis requires good formation awareness by the dancers.

Look at the following routine...

B1c Star Thru Pass Thru Chase Right Explode & Touch a Quarter Single File Circulate Ladies Run Centres Pass Thru Right & Left Grand

Many dancers will have difficulty with the Explode &. The reason for this is that the Chase Right finishes with dancers thinking that their formation is parallel mini-waves (i.e. the same people with whom they were working) but with the call of Explode & we have changed the formation and the axis of the formation. The difficulty is that many dancers will still be thinking about the dancers in the previous formation rather than adjusting the thoughts to work with the new dancers in the new formation (the Explode &

this manner we are greatly increasing the difficulty level - but as long as this is explained to the dancers they should pick up the concept fairly easily.

We can use this concept to add variety to calls that dancers may be used to from fairly standard situations.

B1c
Swing Thru
Cast-off three-quarters
Walk & Dodge
Chase Right
Explode the Wave
Half-tag
Walk & Dodge
Partner Trade
Slide Thru
B1c

This next routine is a slick little get-out module...

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Walk & Dodge
Chase Right
Explode the Wave
Wheel & Deal
Centres U-turn Back
Allemande Left

Another call that lends itself to this type of change of axis is Linear Cycle. Initially, to give the dancers the best possible chance of success, you should try to engineer familiar gender arrangements...

Heads Star Thru
Double Pass Thru
Peel Off
Pass the Ocean
Walk & Dodge
Chase Right
Linear Cycle
Pass Thru
Wheel & Deal
Pass Thru
Slide Thru
Pass the Ocean
Ladies Trade
W1c

The next routine uses the same concept but the combination of calls is perhaps a little less dramatic

is, perhaps, a little less dramatic...

Ll p
Pass the Ocean
Hinge
Follow Your Neighbour
& Spread
Ladies Trade
Hinge
Explode &
Pass the Ocean
Men Run
Reverse Flutterwheel

Ll p

The next routines will feature Lefthand Ocean Waves...

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Walk & Dodge
Chase Right
Trade the Wave
Follow Your Neighbour
Men Run
Wheel & Deal
B1c

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Split Circulate
Explode the Wave
Wheel & Deal
Double Pass Thru
Leaders U-turn Back
B1c

B1c Swing Thru Trade the Wave Hinge Walk & Dodge Left Chase Explode & Grand Swing Thru Men Fold Ladies Extend – as a couple Wheel & Deal Swing Partner

Singing Call - corner Progression

Heads Pass the Ocean
Extend
Hinge
Walk & Dodge
Chase Right
Explode the Wave
Wheel & Deal
Centres Half-sashay
Zoom
Centres Pass Thru
Pass the Ocean
Explode &
Swing Corner
Promenade

Heads Pass the Ocean Extend Relay the Deucey All Eight Circulate Explode & Slide Thru Swing Corner Promenade

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Peel & Trail

Peel & Trail is an A-2 call that would fit smoothly into an evening of Plus dancing.

Peel & Trail is a combination of Leaders executing a Peel Off and the Trailers stepping forward and executing a Trade.

It can be danced from a column, a Zformation and from a completed Double Pass Thru formation. I guess it could also be called from a Double Pass Thru formation.

From a Z-formation it takes a left-hand Z to a Right-hand Ocean Wave...

B1c Swing Thru **Ladies Fold** Peel & Trail Explode & Slide Thru B1c

From a Right-hand Z it finishes with a Left-hand Ocean Wave...

L1p

Right & Left Thru Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave

Men Trade **Ladies Fold**

Peel & Trail

Hinge

Trade the Wave

Hinae

Ladies Trade

Linear Cycle L1p From a Double Pass Thru formation...

SS

Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru

Peel & Trail

Pass Thru

Ends Cross-fold

Pass Thru

Swing Partner

Heads Pass Thru

Separate 'round 1 to a Line

Pass the Ocean

Centres Run

Tag the Line

Peel & Trail

Right & Left Thru

Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave

Acey Deucey

Spin Chain Thru

Ladies Run

Wheel & Deal

B₁c

Singing Call - corner Progression

Heads Pair Off

Touch a Quarter

Follow Your Neighbour

Ladies Fold

Peel & Trail

& Mix

Swing Thru

Hinge

Scoot & Dodge

Chase Right

Swing Corner & Promenade

Heads Pass In

Double Pass Thru

Horseshoe Turn

Touch a Quarter

Centres Trade

Ends Fold

Peel & Trail

Scoot & Dodge

Chase Right

Swing Corner & Promenade



Cut the Mustard

A few weeks ago I wrote came up with a new dance movement - I call it *Cut the Mustard*.

Cut the Mustard is danced from any parallel general line/wave formation.

Ends will slide together and Trade (as in a Cut the Diamond). At the same time, the Centres will dance an All Eight Circulate BUT will veer from the Centre to the End position (i.e. they dance their part of a Cross-over Circulate).

I'm excited about this call - it has good and interesting action. The body-flow is quite good (as long as you don't call it from a line with all the Centres facing in - please don't call it from this formation). It feels quite different to other calls and despite it's simplicity it makes the dancers think carefully about where they are moving to.

It might make it easier for dancers to see their part if you explain that the ends and the centres facing out stay with the same group of dancers, while the centres facing in will move across and join the other group of dancers.

It is quite useful as it converts a Righthand Ocean wave to a Left-hand Wave, and visa versa.

B1c Slide Thru Pass the Ocean Cut the Mustard

Cut the Mustard

B1c

B1c Slide Thru Pass the Ocean Men Circulate Ladies Trade Cut the Mustard Allemande Left

B1c
Slide Thru
Pass the Ocean
Recycle
Veer Left
Couples Circulate
Ladies Trade
Ladies Run
Men Trade
Left Swing Thru
Cut the Mustard
Right & Left Grand

This routine uses a 3x1 line...

B1c
Slide Thru
Right & Left Thru
Dixie Style to a Wave
Men Walk & Dodge
Cut the Mustard
Ladies Walk & Dodge
Men Pass Thru
Men Face In
Ladies - as a couple Promenade One Quarter
Men Square Thru Three-quarters
Swing & Promenade

Singing Calls - Corner Progression

Heads Lead Right Touch a Quarter Split Circulate Hinge Cut the Mustard Left Swing Thru Ladies Run Ferris Wheel Pass Thru Swing Thru

Hoedowning

"Think Time" Making The Same Routine Seem Different & Faster

I believe most dance action takes place in the dancers' heads (particularly once you get to higher levels - by using different calls to create the same traffic pattern, dancers will think they are doing a different routine.

The more calls we can use to create the same traffic pattern, the more data has to be processed by dancers to complete these routines - and the faster the dancers will think they are dancing.

As dancers move around the floor, they are thinking about the calls that they have been given. Each call takes a certain amount of thought. Look at the following example:

B1c Touch a Quarter Extend Men Swing Thru LADIES TRADE

Extend
Split Circulate
Ladies Trade
Right & Left Thru
L1p

In the above routine the Ladies are asked to Trade from a Three-quarter

Tag formation. One call, a single action - a single thought to process.

Instead of calling Ladies Trade you could call:

LADIES FACE IN LADIES PASS THRU LADIES FACE IN

In the second situation the Ladies are still dancing the same basic traffic pattern, but rather than processing one piece of information, have to process three pieces of information (in the same amount of time) to get the same choreographic result. For this reason it will seem more complicated and faster than it really is.

In the same way:
B1c
SLIDE THRU
Square Thru three-quarters
Allemande Left

B1c
PASS THRU
FACE IN
Square Thru three-quarters
Allemande Left

Or,

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Walk & Dodge
U-TURN BACK
Pass the Ocean
Swing Thru
W1c

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Walk & Dodge
FACE RIGHT - TWICE
Pass the Ocean
Swing Thru
W1c

By giving two calls dancers have to process twice the amount of info. It makes even simple routines seem different, faster and more challenging.

It is a fairly simple technique to add variety without complexity - and we are only limited by our own imagination.



New Releases — January '02

By David Cox

<u>Living Next Door To Alice</u> Hearties 003 / Thorsten Geppert

This Square Dance is very similar in style to the original pop song (who performed that?). It has two different melodies which are alternated most of the way through the

HEADS PROMENADE HALFWAY – HEADS RIGHT & LEFT THRU – HEADS SQUARE THRU – DOSADO – SWING THRU – MEN TRADE – SWING & PROMENADE

Next Door To Alice

dance.

Royal 138 / Jerry Story

Royal Records has brought out their own version of the previous record at the same time. It is quite different from the German version - much faster. It uses only one of the two melodies from the original son, but has interesting harmony vocals.

HEADS PROMENADE HALFWAY – HEADS PASS THE OCEAN – EXTEND – RECYCLE – REVERSE FLUTTERWHEEL – VEER RIGHT – FERRIS WHEEL – CENTRES VEER RIGHT – VEER LEFT – SWING & PROMENADE

• She's Cool

Lyn-Spin 2001 / Gary Sanders

This is the first release on the Lyn-Spin label. It has a strong Rock 'n' Roll flavour. The music seems faster than it is due to the way the percussion is played. Actually the dance is very smooth, with lots of time to call the lyrics. Electric guitar features strongly throughout the record, and some harmonica. A different melody is used for the Middle Break and Closer.

HEADS PROMENADE HALFWAY – HEADS PASS THE OCEAN – EXTEND – SWING THRU – MEN RUN – CHAIN DOWN THE LINE – DIXIE STYLE TO AN OCEAN WAVE – MEN CROSSFOLD – SWING & PROMENADE

Garden Party

Sting 1001 / Soren Christensen

This tune has been released previously, but none have the lift of this new Sting version. The arrangement is very true to the Ricky Nelson pop song and is well called.

HEADS SQUARE THRU – DOSADO – SWING THRU – SPIN THE TOP – RIGHT & LEFT THRU – SQUARE THRU THREE-QUARTERS – SWING & PROMENADE

• Warning Sign / Bull Dust Hoedown 4C's 0002CD / Jack Berg & Me

This CD contains a hoedown and a singing call. The hoedown has a strong Aussie flavour (with didgeridoo and cockatoo sound effects). The singing call has a strong country flavour.

HEADS SQUARE THRU – DOSADO – SWING THRU – MEN TRADE – TURN THRU – ALLEMANDE LEFT – WEAVE – SWING 7 PROMENADE

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2. The Galaxy Song	
	Aussie Tempos 1021
3. When You Say Nothing At .	All
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Best Sellers from December

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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Roy-329 / Jerry & Tony / Mainstream

This Christmas theme release features typical "Royal" quality on the instrumental, vocal & engineering production. The instrumental arrangement features both parts of the melody from the original "pop" song. The first melody section is used for the three minor figures, while the second (which has been slightly modified to fit the 64 beat phrase) is used for the four major figures. The vocal by Jerry Story & Tony Oxendine is very professional (as always), and is well worth a spin. All choreography is standard, and should not be difficult for mainstream dancers to handle.

#17 on our November 2001 tape.

FIGURE: Heads Square Thru, Star Right, Heads Star Left, R & L Thru, Swing Thru, Boys Run, ½ Tag, Swing, Prom.

GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER

JR-100 / Robert Kennedy / Mainstream

This is the first release for *JR Records*, and it should be well received by Callers & Dancers. The only other version of this popular, novelty, Christmas song has been un-available now for several years. The "JR" release has a slightly different musical arrangement from the earlier version on 4-bar-B, but should not pose any problems for Callers. The record has been well engineered and produced. There is a key modulation half way through the Closer (32 beats into the Closer) to provide an *ending lift*. Alternative Minor figure choreo is supplied on the cue sheet, and called on the flip side by Robert. #12 on our November 2001 tape.

FIGURE: Heads Prom. ½, Square Thru, R & L Thru, Veer Left, Ferris Wheel, Star Thru, Slide Thru, Pass Thru, Corner Swing, Prom.

TELL IT TO YOUR TEDDY BEAR

CBC-807 / David Cox & Al Stevens / Plus

A nice record with a variety of interesting choreography which has been well thought out, and called by David & Al. This instrumental was originally released in March 1987, and many Callers will be pleased to see it re-released with up-to-date choreo. The instrumental features a

key modulation at the beginning of the Closer. I'll print two major figures for this review. The minor figure is straight forward – as long as you remember to call "Circle to the Left" at the beginning!



#2 on our November 2001 tape.

FIGURE #1: Heads Box The Gnat, Slide Thru, Spin The Top, Box The Gnat, Fan The Top, All X Run, Left Swing Thru, Girls Trade & Run, Prom.

FIGURE #2: Heads Star Thru, Pass Thru, R & L Thru, ½ Sashay, Pass Thru, Trade By, Single Circle to O/W, Girls Trade, Boys Fold, Peel The Top, Boys Run, Bend the Line, Swing Corner, Prom.

MERRY CHRISTMAS POLKA

Double M-104 / Monk Moore / Mainstream

This is a lively little Christmas theme dance in Polka rhythm. The tune has been released as a S/D several times in the past, but all of these have been un-available now for several years. Major figure choreo is a well-used routine that most Dancers can handle in their sleep. Minor choreo features "Grand Square" to allow utilisation of the original lyrics.

#07 on our November 2001 tape.

FIGURE: Heads Prom. ½, Pass The Ocean, Extend, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Bend The Line, R & L Thru, Flutter Wheel, Slide Thru, Swing, Prom.