Choreo-Wise

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Hello & Goodbye!

Thank you for subscribing to Choreo-wise. Some subscribers have actually been along for the entire ride, from Issue #1 up until this final issue. Thank you very much.

I appreciate the continual assistance given by Brian Hotchkies and Bill Pendlebury in the preparation and presentation of the note service.

I also appreciate the assistance given by Brian Hotchkies and Steve Turner in the promotion of the note service amongst other callers.

I have enjoyed to publish the contributions of other callers such as Bill Pendlebury, Wayne Jansen, Brian Brislane and Jeff Garbutt. I

think that the concept of callers sharing and helping other callers is crucial to the development of calling skills amongst all of us. The more we share, the more we have to offer dancers. The more fun the dancers have, the better it is for all of us.

I am looking forward to my next European tour, which will be in March and April next year. The following is my itinerary at this point in time. If you would like me to visit your club and meet with you and some of those who dance with you, please let me know so we can try to arrange a convenient date.

March 12-13- Western Airport Squares - Gothenberg, Sweden

March 21 - Kieler Wheelers - Kiel, Germany March 27-28- Oslach SDC - Aarhus, Denmark

April 3-4 - Harmony Squares - Yorkshire, England

April 17-18 - Frontier Wheelers (Geneva) - Gland, Switzerland

Thank you for the friendship, camaraderie, support, ideas and wonderful opportunities that you have given me!





Glitches from Issue #49

p. 574 - final singing call - ADD Extend after Heads Pass the Ocean

p. 576 - first routine - Extend Once - NOT Twice

p . 576 - third routine - it does not work in its present form and cannot be quickly fixed Bill has checked this issue and his suggestions have been incorporated in its present form

Abbreviations Frequently 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**



Ladies Fold
Double Pass Thru
Face Right
Bend the Line

Run Once & a Half

This issue will have a variety of ideas as I try to give you as many of my ideas as I can before I finalize the note-service.

Recently I have been playing around with Run Once and a Half. Initially dancers Run once and then try to do a half of a Split Circulate. To help make it easier I have been calling some routines that have dancers Run twice, so as to allow them to see the traffic pattern.

Llp Pass Thru Men Run - Twice California Twirl Right & Left Thru Llp

L1p Pass Thru Ladies Run - Twice California Twirl Right & Left Thru L1p

L1p Pass the Ocean Hinge Men Run - Twice L1p Pass the Ocean Cast-off Three-quarters Ladies Run - Twice Split Circulate Hinge Men Trade Men Run Wheel & Deal
Zoom
Centres Pass Thru
B1c

Now we are ready to play around with Run Once and a Half...

L1p

Bend the Line

Pass the Ocean
Ladies Cross-run
Men Trade
Hinge
Scootback <it's a Lefty>
Ladies Run - Once and a Half
Chain Down the Line
Pass the Ocean
Recycle
Slide Thru
L1p

Llp
Pass Thru
Men Run - Once and a Half
Men Trade <by the Left>
Men Half Run Right
California Twirl
Reverse Flutterwheel

B1c Slide Thru Pass Thru Men Run - Once and a Half Men Trade <by the Left> Men Run Right - Once and a Half Ladies U-turn Back Pass Thru B1c

Slide Thru

Pass Thru

Men Run - Once and a Half

Men Circulate <in the centre>

Ladies Face Left

Couples Circulate

Ferris Wheel

Centres Half-sashay

Centres Star Thru

Centres Wrong-way Promenade -

'til you get back home

Centres Square Pass Thru

Allemande Left

Come Back - You're Home

It is a nice concept which allows you a lot of variety with little addition of complexity, once the dancers understand the concept.

Three by One Zoom

Zoom has a Leaders part and a Trailers part. The part of the Trailer is to step ahead to take the place of the person that they are looking at - normally they are looking at a person's back.

From facing lines, Do Your Part of a Zoom will feel like a Pass Thru...

B1c

Star Thru

DYP - Zoom

Partner Trade

Slide Thru

B1c

This is how the choreography should work when the caller says, "Centres Zoom"...

55

Heads Right & Left Thru

Heads Slide Thru

Centres DYP - Zoom

B1c

In the past I have had reservationis about this type of choreography, but it is useful as a prelude to working with a 3x1 Zoom. In a 3x1

Zoom, there will be three Trailers and only one Leader. Another way of looking at it would be to say that there is one normal couple and one mini-way – or there are two facing dancers and one tandem couple. No matter how you describe it, the dancers facing will Pass Thru which the other dancers do a "normal" Zoom...

SS

Heads Pass Thru

Separate

Meet behind the sides and

Touch a Quarter

Centres Pass Thru

<3x1> Zoom

Ends Cloverleaf

Centres Hinge

Extend

Swing Thru

Men Run

Ferris Wheel

Zoom

Centres Square Thru

On the 3rd hand Slide Thru

You're Home

??

Heads Pass Thru

Cloverleaf

Centres Pass the Ocean

Centres Hinge

<3x1>Zoom

Centres Pass the Ocean

Others Hinge

Men Trade

Men Run

Wheel & Deal

Slide Thru

Allemande Left

Right & Left Grand

You're Home

Nifty Return to Home Routine...

SS

Heads Lead Right
Circle to a Line
Pass the Ocean
Ladies Circulate & Run
Tag the Line
Face In
Pass the Ocean
Centres Trade
Men Trade
Centres Trade & Run

Ferris Wheel - Bow to Partner

SS

Heads Touch a Quarter

<3x1> Zoom

Centres Spin the Top

Others Trade

Centres Hinge

Men Run

Centres Touch a Quarter

Walk & Dodge

Cloverleaf

Centres Square Thru ¾'s

Allemande Left

You're Home

Use Those Circles

The following routines feature Circle Four – even though it is so easy, it may cause some challenge to dancers as it is a type of choreography that is rarely used.

This is a slick way to convert a Zero Line to a Zero Box...

SS

Heads Promenade Halfway

Sides Circle Left Three-quarters

Zoom

Centres Circle Left Half-way

Double Pass Thru

Leaders Trade

Swing Thru

Turn Thru

Allemande Left

Circle Right will add even more challenge for the dancers...

SS

Heads Circle Right Three-quarters

Zoom

Centres Circle Right Three-

quarters

Same Ones Pass Thru

Same Ones Wrong-way Promenade – Stop at Home Centres Swing Thru Turn Thru Allemande Left Circle Half-way gives the same result as a Right & Left Thru...

L1p

Star Thru

Dive Thru

You Choose - Circle Right of Left

Halfway

Pass Thru

Box the Gnat

Right & Left Grand

Singing Calls

HEADS CIRCLE LEFT – ¾'s
PASS THRU
CIRCLE LEFT – ¾'S
PASS THRU
WHEEL & DEAL
ZOOM
SWING THRU
TURN THRU
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS STAR THRU
DOUBLE PASS THRU
CLOVERLEAF
CENTRES PASS THRU
TOUCH A QUARTER
SCOOTBACK
CASTOFF THREE-QUARTERS
MEN TRADE
MEN RUN
HALF TAG
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THRU
CLOVERLEAF
DOUBLE PASS THRU
CLOVERLEAF
CENTRES PASS THRU
STAR THRU
PASS THRU
WHEEL & DEAL
CENTRES SWING THRU
TURN THRU
ALLEMANDE LEFT
SWING & PROMENADE



Split Circulate Linear Cycle Slide Thru

B1c

Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears

Have a look at these nifty ideas that you can use with Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears, to give the dancers some surprises.

I find that, initially, dancers learning Plus are very impressed with the complexity of the larger moves - but after they get to know them they can become a little "ho-hum" as once the dancers start the move they know exactly what to expect for quite some time.

With this first routine, the dancers turn the star only a quarter, so that the Lady facing in is the one who leads the column across the square...

SS
Heads Pass the Ocean
Extend
Spin Chain & Exchange BUT
Turn the Star Only One Quarter
Acey Deucey
Explode &
Star Thru
B1c

This routine has mixed the genders...

SS

Heads Pass the Ocean Swing Thru Extend Spin Chain & Exchange When using mixed-gender set-ups, I like to set up a situation where both dancers of the same gender lead the way across, so as to make it easier to cue. In this routine the Men lead the way across...

SS

Heads Star Thru Centres Slide Thru Centres Pass the Ocean Extend Hinae **Centres Trade** Spin Chain & Exchange Centres Trade **Split Circulate** Cast-off Three-quarters Right & Left Grand

This time the ladies lead the way across...

SS

Heads Pass the Ocean Extend Split Circulate Spin Chain & Exchange Centres Trade Men Run Pass the Ocean Cast-off Three-quarters Men Run

This time, dancers are asked to freeze (interrupt the call) as soon as they can see that they have two columns of four dancers, side by side...



L1p

L1p

Right & Left Thru Pass the Ocean Spin Chain & Exchange, BUT Stop In A Column

Co-ordinate **Couples Circulate** Chain Down the Line

L1p

Dancers are again asked to freeze when they see that they have a column...

SS

Heads Lead Right

Circle to a Line

L1p

Pass the Ocean

Ladies Trade

Recycle

Veer Left

Couples Circulate

Bend the Line

Pass the Ocean

Spin Chain & Exchange, BUT

Stop When You Have A Column

Face In

Bow to Partner - You're Home

And...

L1p

Pass the Ocean

Swing Thru

Men Circulate

Spin Chain & Exchange

Right & Left Grand

Changing the theme - let's look at an unusual way to form a column, before calling Co-ordinate...

SS

Heads Pass the Ocean

Swing Thru

Ping Pong Circulate

And <Ends> Roll

Very Centres Run

Ends Touch a Quarter

Centres Crossfire

Co-ordinate

Half-tag

Follow Your Neighbour

& Spread

Trade the Wave

Allemande Left

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Singing Call

HEADS LEAD RIGHT
VEER LEFT
Three-quarter Tag THE LINE
LADIES CLOVERLEAF
MEN SWING THRU
MEN EXPLODE AND
DOUBLE PASS THRU
TRACK II
MEN RUN
PASS THE OCEAN
ACEY DEUCEY
LINEAR CYCLE
SLIDE THRU
ALLEMANDE LEFT
PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN LADIES TRADE PING PONG CIRCULATE EXPLODE THE WAVE CLOVERLEAF DOUBLE PASS THRU TRACK II RECYCLE PASS THRU TRADE BY ALLEMANDE LEFT PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN EXTEND
HINGE
WALK & DODGE
CHASE RIGHT
MEN TRADE
PASS THRU
WHEEL & DEAL
DOUBLE PASS THRU
TRACK II
SWING THRU
SWING
PROMENADE





Using the 'H' Formation

I have recently been making use of an "H" formation - and with some interesting results.



Dancers at the end of the "H", who have to go across to the other side, and turn around in the process, frequently lose their facing direction.

This first routine is simply a demonstration of the "H". The square goes from Diamonds to an "H" and back to Diamonds...

L1p

Pass the Ocean
Ladies Hinge
Ladies Trade the Wave
Diamond Circulate
Men Fan the Top
Men Spin the Top
Flip the Diamond
Ladies Trade
Linear Cycle

L1p

The "H" formation lends itself nicely to a Six By Two Acey Deucey...

SS

Heads Lead Right
Veer Left
Ladies One Quarter Thru
Ladies Spin the Top
Six By Two Acey Deucey
In the wave - Spin the Top
Flip the Diamond
Men Run
Pass Thru
Wheel & Deal

B1c

Here are some unexpected ways to get some same-sex columns...

SS

Heads Leaf Right Touch a Quarter

Centres Scoot & Dodge

Centres Run

Centres One Quarter Thru

Ends Touch a Quarter

Six By Two Acey Deucey

In the wave - Spin the Top

The others Slide Apart

Cut the Diamond

As Couples Hinge

Triple Trade

As Couples Hinge

Men Run

Lockit

Men Run

As Couples Hinge

Couples Circulate

Ferris Wheel

Zoom

Swing Partner

Singing Call

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN EXTEND & CROSS STEP & SLIDE TRACK II

ONE QUARTER THRU
ONE QUARTER THRU

HINGE

SCOOT & DODGE

QUARTER IN

SWING & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS IN DOUBLE PASS THRU

PASS IN

PASS IN

CENTRES PASS IN

HORSESHOE TURN

CENTRES PASS OUT

PASS IN

PASS IN

CENTRES PASS IN

Singing Call Routines

I have mixed feelings about singing calls. I do like to feature a particular call throughout a singing call. I have seen some callers, who when doing a challenging theme in a hoedown enjoy to carry it into the singing call. If dancers are successful with the material in the singing call this is excellent. Part of me says that dancers, particularly at A-2 level, do need a chance to relax, enjoy the music, the movement and their ability to succeed. These singing calls are not taxing, but are enjoyable.

Singing Call

HEADS SQUARE CHAIN THRU
TOUCH A QUARTER
SPLIT COUNTER ROTATE
SPLIT TRANSFER
SPLIT CIRCULATE
HINGE
SCOOTBACK
EXTEND
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN SLIP
SCOOT CHAIN THRU
SPIN THE WINDMILL RIGHT CROSSFIRE
MEN RUN
DOUBLE PASS THRU
TRACK II
SINGLE WHEEL
SWING & PROMENADE

HEADS TOUCH A QUARTER MEN RUN MAKE A WAVE – MOTIVATE SCOOT CHAIN THRU ONE QUARTER THRU SWING & PROMENADE



HEADS WHEEL THRU
TOUCH A QUARTER
SCOOTBACK
SPLIT COUNTER ROTATE
TRANSFER &
ONE QUARTER THRU
CHAIN REACTION
ALL EIGHT CIRCULATE
SLIP
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN
EXTEND
REMAKE THE WAVE
SLIP
REMAKE THE WAVE
ALL EIGHT CIRCULATE
RECYCLE
RECYCLE
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS LEAD RIGHT
VEER LEFT
LADIES REMAKE
WHEEL & DEAL
EXTEND
SLIP
RECYCLE - THREE TIMES
EXTEND
SLIP
SUIP
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS SQUARE THRU
PASS & ROLL YOUR NEIGHBOUR
& SPREAD
SCOOT CHAIN THRU
HINGE
EXTEND
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS IN
PASS THE OCEAN
LOCKIT
EXTEND
MOTIVATE
MEN RUN

CALLERS NOTES

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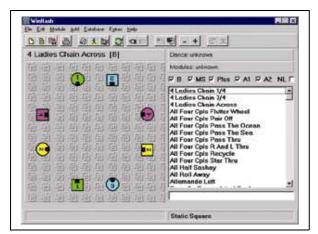
I am looking forward to having you as a subscriber.

Sincerely

Norm Wilcox

(I have been fortunate enough to have been exchanging notes with Norm for the last five years – I am very impressed with the thoroughness of the notes and with Norm's

knowledge of how to put choreography together and how to make it work. His material is of a very high quality. For those of you who haven't seen Callers Notes, and who are looking for something to replace Choreowise – I give my complete support to Norm for the excellent service provide to callers by his notes. David)



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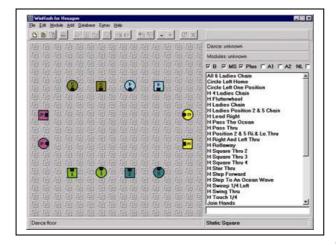
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C-Bar-C & Seven C's Releases of the Future

By David Cox

The following is a list of records that I intend to release over the next couple of years. The music for all tunes has been recorded – it is just a matter of getting around to releasing them. The intention is to release all new tunes on vinyl, CD and MP3 at the same time. The CD and MP3 versions will have additional tracks not available on vinyl.

• Superstar

The tune is the theme from the rock opera, Jesus Christ Superstar. The music has an authentic rock & roll sound – two different melodies are used and there is a 32 beat tag ending.

• Cunnamulla Fella

This is a traditional, Australian country song, written by Slim Dusty. Amongst other instruments, this recording features an electric didgeridoo.

• Let's Be Happy

This is a very bright and bouncy tune – it was the German entry in this year's Eurovision Song Contest.

Sailin' Away In My Mind

This is another song written in Australia. It was written by the Newcastle group, The Wolverines. It features two different melodies and has a 32 beat tag ending. The music has a distinctly carribbean flavour.

You Make My Pants Want To Jump Up And Dance

Written by Dr. Hook, this tune features a strong brass section, as well as a kazoo as a

lead instrument, There are three key changes.

Feeling Mighty Fine

This is a gospel song made popular by the Statler Brothers. Again, two different melodies are utilised – along with harmony vocals. There is a special, novelty tag ending that can be used to surprise the dancers.

• <u>Jimmy Durante's Ragtime Medley</u>

This medley features tunes from the 1930's – You Gotta Start Off Each Day With A Song, A Real Piano Player and Chidabee, Chidabee, Chidabee.

Unto Us This Holy Night

Originally written by the famous Australian group, The Wiggles. This recording features a mariachi-style trumpet and baritone guitar. There is a 32 beat tag ending.

Pretty Flamingo

Do you love Sixties British Rock & Roll? This was a hit by Manfred Mann. As with most CBC/7C releases, every attempt is made to make the square dance sound as much as possible like the original hit. It features a 32 beat tag ending.

Best Sellers from April

| 1. Waiting For The Robert E. Lee | |
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| | Blue Star 2461 |
| 2. Funky Town/Hava Nagila | Chanamal 126 |
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I'VE MADE A COVENANT

PLM-212 / Jerry Biggerstaff / Mainstream

This is another super, religious theme dance, which really drives along at a cracking pace. Vocal side is very professionally produced. It has good balance between voice & music, and the addition of *quality* harmony makes it a pleasure to the ear. Instrumental is inspiring to call, and great to move with. There's a rhythm variation during the Middle Break, and a key modulation at the beginning of the closer. Choreo is easy, yet interesting: Three variations of the Minor Figure are provided. Major Fig. is a variation on a standard, well tried mainstream routine.

#15 on our Nov/Dec 02 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Prom. ½, R&L Thru, Square Thru, Swing Thru, Spin The Top, Slide Thru, Corner Swing, Prom.

WIGGLE WIGGLE C-C - 812-cd / David Cox / Mainstream

This is a novelty song, which has been done a couple of times in the past as a square dance. However. the instrumentation. choreo & production of this version are streets ahead of those which have come before. A key change at the beginning of the closer gives an ending lift. The CD contains three (3) tracks: 1) Vocal, 2) instrumental, 3) instrumental with vocal chorus. Minor figure is well constructed to allow good use of the lyrics. Two similar Major figures are supplied, both have good body flow and feature unique use of Veer Left. Chain Down the Line from RH two-faced line, while the other is from a LH ocean wave.

FIGURE: Heads Pass the Ocean, Girls Trade. Boys Run, Veer Left, Swing Thru, (Boys Cross-Run. Boys Trade, Boys Run), or Chain Down The Line, Flutterwheel, Slide Thru, Pass Thru, L.A., Swing, Prom.

SEA CRUISE

RR-246 / Mike Seastrom / Mainstream

Although you may have heard this tune as a square on other labels, you won't want to miss checking out this new vinyl version! The instrumental is inspiring, and the vocal is very professionally presented. Pre-intro is harbour-side sound effects to set the atmosphere. Minor figure choreo is a simple "Circle, Allemande & Weave" routine. For the major figure, Mike has employed a nice alternative for "Eight Chain Four", which you might like to use with some of your other favourite singing call records. There is a key modulation at the beginning of the Closer. #20 on our Jan/Feb 03 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Sq. Thru, Do-Sa-Do, Star Thru, Pass Thru, Tag The Line, Leaders U Turn Back, Wrong Way Grand, Swing, Prom.

GOOD MORNING BEAUTIFUL

ESP-321 / Tom Miller / Mainstream

This is a smooth love song, with superb instrumentation. Tom has done a great job with the vocal - my guess is that you'll want to play it all the way through. There is a key modulation at the beginning of the closer to just raise the excitement level a little. Minor figure is a simple "Circle, Men Star Right, Allemande & Weave" routine, while the major figure is a straight forward, yet interesting corner progression sequence.

#10 on our Jan/Feb 03 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Sq. Thru, Do-Sa-Do, Swing Thru, Boys Run, ½ Tag, Scootback, Boys Run, Slide Thru. Corner Swing, Prom.

