

Choreo-Wise

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Hi There!

The Plus weekend held at Medowie earlier this month has come and gone. It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. The numbers were excellent – another "sell-out". Dancers seemed to be very happy and quite chatty. The level of dancing was quite good – I particularly enjoyed the "work-shop" session on the Sunday morning.

Al Stevens will be visiting Australia in August and September 2003. The itinerary will see us visiting Canberra for some site seeing and hopefully a visit to one or two of the Square Dance Clubs in the ACT. Following that Al will be calling for the Kiama Happy Trailers Birthday dance on the Weekend of August 23-24. The following weekend will see Al calling at Buderim (August 30-31). The weekend after that will see Al calling in the Port Macquarie area. I hope that you get the chance to dance to Al when he is in Australia.

My plans for my trip to Europe in 2004 are becoming more detailed. At present the itinerary includes calling near Gothenburg (Sweden) on March 12-13, in Kiel (Germany) on March 21, near Aarhus (Denmark) on March 27-28, near Harrowgate (England) on April 3-4 and in France on April 17-18. The only weekend without a booking is for the Easter weekend of April 9-12.

I am personally surprised at the reluctance of Square Dance Callers to purchase CDs and MP3 instead of vinyl records. I have found, as has Chicago Country, Royal and ESP records, that vinyl continues to greatly outsell the alternative formats, even when it is the same music. I know that some callers in Australia, who are using Minidisk, still buy the record rather than the CD. The reasons that I am surprised are that you get a better quality sound from the CD format (there is no vinyl noise) and that there is no "wear and tear" on the digital formats, while the analogue format has a deterioration in quality as the record is used. The digital formats also have the benefit of being able to include more than two tracks, sometimes giving the purchases a choice of keys, multiple called tracks, optional harmony tracks and bonus music, all at no extra cost.

Music releases over the next few months include Tally-hoe (a country-style hoedown featuring Asymmetrical Plus-level choreography – Tally-hoe will be available only in vinyl format), Goodnight Irene (good music from the C-Bar-C archives with new calls by AI Stevens – available in CD and MP3 formats) and I'm Getting' Nuttin' For Xmas (a very unusual, FUN Christmas song – available only in vinyl format).

Kind regards until next time.

Glitches from Issue #44

According to Bill there are no apparent errors in issue #44 - but, never the less, he continues to search, just in case.

Good Job!!!

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



Circulate Stuff

At the Pure Plus weekend we held a workshop session on the Sunday morning. A great deal of time was spent, during the workshop, looking at many of the permutations of Circulate. Specifically we looked at Couples Circulate and Split Circulate from Tbone formations, Circulate from Infacing, Out-facing and 3x1 lines, and also looked at Circulate and Split Circulate Once and a Half. The workshop has provided me with a lot of stimuli and you will see the results in the following pages.

In this routine, Centres Circulate is the same as Pass Thru...

SS	
Heads Star Thru	
Centres Circulate	
Right & Left Thru	
Veer Left	
Couples Circulate	
Chain Down the Line	
Flutterwheel	
Sweep a Quarter	B1c

All Eight Circulate will have the same traffic pattern as a Pass Thru...

L1p All Eight Circulate California Twirl Pass the Ocean Recycle Veer Left Ferris Wheel Centres Sweep a Quarter

Sides Allemande Left Your Corner

From an Out-facing line an All Eight Circulate will have the same traffic pattern as Ends Trade and Centres Trade. To make it easier I have the centres set-up in a normal gender arrangement...

SS Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru Face In Pass Thru All Eight Circulate Centres Pass Thru Centres Cloverleaf New Centres Slide Together Same Ones Step Back You're Home

The next couple of routines have the call of Circulate Once and a Half to a Right & Left Grand...

SS Heads Pass the Ocean Extend Ladies Trade Swing Thru All Eight Circulate Once & a Half Right & Left Grand You're Home

SS Heads Square Thru Slide Thru Right and Left Thru Pass the Ocean All Eight Circulate Once & a Half Wrong Way Right & Left Grand Slide Thru You're Home

The next couple of routines feature Split Circulate from non-standard situations...

L1p

Right & Left Thru	
Split Circulate	
Partner Trade	L1p

B1c

Half-square Thru Split Circulate Slide Thru B1c

L1p Slide Thru Right & Left Thru Split Circulate Allemande Left

From facing Couples a Split Circulate Once and a Half is an equivalent for a Pass the Ocean...

B1c	
Slide Thru	
Split Circulate Once	and a Half
Ladies Trade	
Recycle	B1c

When called from a back-to-back situation Split Circulate Once and a Half will still give you an Ocean Wave as a finishing formation...

Blc
Slide Thru
Pass Thru
Split Circulate Once and a Half
Ladies Trade
Recycle
Square Thru Three-quarters
Allemande Left

From regular parallel mini-waves Split Circulate will leave the dancers in a Diamond formation...

L1p Pass the Ocean Hinge Split Circulate Once and a Half Ladies Swing Thru Men Circulate Ladies Hinge Bend the Line L1p From facing couples the call of Split Circulate Once and a Half followed by a repeat of Split Circulate Once and a Half also leaves dancers in a Diamond situation...

B1c	
Slide Thru	
Split Circulate Once and a	Half
Split Circulate Once and a	Half
Centres Hinge	
Tag the Line	
Face In	
Slide Thru	B1c
Allemande Left	

Using the call of Ends Circulate Once and a Half is an effective way to produce a Tidal Wave formation...

Llp	
Ends Circulate Once and a	a Half
Centres Pass the Ocean	
Recycle	
Reverse Flutterwheel	L1p

L1p

Ends Circulate Once and a Half Centres Pass the Ocean Ladies Trade Recycle L1p

SS

Heads Slide Thru Centres Right & Left Thru Double Pass Thru Face In Ends Circulate Once and a Half Centres Spin the Top Everyone Recycle L1p This type of material also works nicely from an inverted line...

B1c Touch a Quarter Centres Trade Swing Thru Centres Run Wheel & Deal Slide Thru Ends Circulate Once and a Half Centres Swing Thru Everyone Hinge Single File Circulate Men Hinge Men Fan the Top Out-facing Ladies Run Extend Men Run Pass the Ocean All Eight Circulate Recycle Sweep a Quarter L1p

SS

Heads Slide Thru Double Pass Thru Face In Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Double Pass Thru Face In Men Pass Thru **Cast-off Three-quarters** Men Pass The Ocean Ladies Circulate Once and a Half Men Spin the Top Hinge Single File Circulate Hinge Men Run Centres Square Thru ¾'s B1c Allemande Left

The next routines use a T-bone Couples formation...

SS Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru Men DYP Centres In Men DYP Cast-off Three-quarters Ladies Face Out Ladies DYP Bend the Line Couples Circulate Men DYP Bend the Line Ferris Wheel Men Swing thru Extend Men Run

This routine gets dancers to Circulate by themselves...

SS Heads Star Thru **Double Pass Thru Evervone Face right** Ladies DYP Bend the Line Centres Circulate Ends Circulate Men DYP Cast-off Three-guarters Ferris Wheel Zoom Ladies Swing Thru Extend Centres Run Tag the Line Face Out Bend the Line L1p

This routine gets dancers to Circulate by themselves...

L1p (with heads on Left-hand end) Pass the Ocean All Eight Circulate Recycle Veer Left Bend the Line Original Sides Bend the Line Ends U-turn Back Centres Circulate Ends Circulate Look for partner -Right & Left Grand



Diamonds & Circulate Once & a Half

Before looking at some more Diamond material have a look at these.

This routine uses the Plus call Anything & Roll. It also utilises some interesting Circulate material...

SS Heads Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line Ends Pass Thru Centres Touch a Quarter All Eight Circulate Centres Walk & Dodge Ends Slide Thru Everyone Slide Thru Centres Trade & Roll Everyone Face In You're Home

This next routine is a nifty way to get into a line...

SS Heads Pass the Ocean Extend Recycle Veer Left Couples Circulate Crossfire Centres Walk & Dodge Men Single Circle to a Wave Ladies Peel Off Centre Men Run Left L1p

Look at these Diamond Circulates...

SS Heads Right & Left Thru Heads Half-sashay Heads Square Thru Slide Thru All 8 Circulate Once and a Half Men Diamond Circulate Ladies Diamond Circulate In the Wave - Trade the Wave Same Ones Linear Cycle Others Hinge Same Ones Circulate - Twice Same Ladies Run Left You're Home

And...

SS Heads Right & Left Thru Heads Half-sashay Heads Square Thru Slide Thru All 8 Circulate Once and a Half Men Diamond Circulate Ladies Diamond Circulate Heads Hinge & Roll Sides Ladies Run Sides Bend the Line Sides Pass Thru Sides Partner Trade Heads Face In You're Home

Circulate Once and a Half is a neat way to get into a Tidal Wave...

Llp	
Box the Gnat	
Pass Thru	
Tag the Line	
Face In	
All 8 Circulate Once and a H	alf
Grand Swing Thru	
Hinge	
& Roll	
Slide Thru	B1c

This time we start off with same-sex couples...

SS Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru **Centres In Cast-off Three-guarters** All 8 Circulate Once and a Half Hinge Men Roll Ladies Peel Off Men Cast-off Three-quarters **Everyone Forward & Back** Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Ladies Swing Thru Extend Hinge **Right & Left Grand**

SS

Heads Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line All 8 Circulate Once and a Half Grand Swing Thru Men Linear Cycle & Men Slide Apart Ladies Linear Cycle Everyone Pass Thru Three-quarter Tag the Line Very Centres Trade Ladies Trade Men Swing Thru Extend Cast-off Three-quarters Right & Left Grand

L1p

Centres Star Thru Centres California Twirl Ends Circulate Once and a Half Centres Pass the Ocean Centre Ladies Trade Centres Spin the Top Explode the Wave Allemande Left L1p

Centres Circulate Once and a Half **Centres Swing Thru** Ends Circulate Once and a Half Grand Swing Thru Men Swing Thru Grand Swing Thru Hinge Men Run **Double Pass Thru** Track II Hinge **Follow Your Neighbour** & Spread Ladies Trade & Spread Extend Allemande Left

There are some interesting Diamonds In this next routine. It is quite a challenging routine – please use it with both discretion and care, making sure that the dancers are very clear about who is doing what...

SS

Heads Right & Left Thru Heads Half-sashay Sides Square Thru Slide Thru All 8 Circulate Once and a Half Men Diamond Circulate Ladies Diamond Circulate **Outside Four Diamond Circulate Original Heads Diamond Circulate Original Sides Diamond Circulate Evervone Hinge** Men Roll - Look for a Line All 8 Circulate Once and a Half Ladies Flip the Diamond Men Linear Cycle Ladies Fan the Top Ladies Recycle Ladies Pass Thru Star Thru Half Circulate Bend the Line

You're Home



Split Square Thru

Split Square Thru is another of the calls that I should use more often. With the following modules I hope to give the dancers a lot of fun...

SS

Four Ladies Chain ¾'s Heads Half-sashay Heads Split Square Thru Clover & Centres Pass the Ocean Chain Reaction Men Run Turn & Deal Square Thru - On the Third Hand Right & Left Grand

SS

Four Ladies Chain ¾'s Heads Half-sashay Heads Half-Split Square Thru Horse-shoe Turn Pass In Left Touch a Quarter Transfer the Column <a lefty> Cross-over Circulate Hinge Right & Left Grand

SS

Heads Box the Gnat Split Square Thru Horse-shoe Turn Touch a Quarter Centres Trade Men Run Pass the Ocean & Mix

Allemande Left

SS

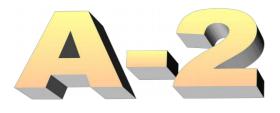
Heads Pass In Double Pass Thru Peel Off Pass Thru Wheel & Deal & Spread Pass Out Men Roll Men Start - Split Square Thru Clover & Ladies Pass the Sea Ladies Mix Ladies Swing Thru Extend Ladies Cross-over Circulate Pass Thru Tag the Line Quarter In Pass In **Centres Swap Around** Sides Face In - You're Home

SS

Heads Pass In Double Pass Thru Peel Off Pass Thru Wheel & Deal & Spread Pass In Ladies Roll Ladies Start - Split Square Thru Horse-shoe Turn Pass In Half-breed Thru Pass In Heads Roll You're Home

L1p

Ends Pass In Centres Start -Left Split Square Thru Allemande Left



Trail-off

The previous issue looked at Trail-off from column formations and zformations. This issue looks at Trailoff from a completed Double Pass Thru formation.

It may help dancers if you use the words "Cross-cross" after the call, to help them remember the correct traffic pattern.

This issue looks at the 'Z' formation and columns – next issue looks at Trail Off from a completed Double Pass Thru formation.

Llp	
Pass the Sea	
& Mix	
Hinge	
Split Circulate	
Centres Run	
Ferris Wheel	
Double Pass Thru	
Trail-off	L1p

Llp	
Pass Thru	
Tag the Line	
Trail-off	
Box the Gnat	
Fan the Top	
Swing Thru	
Men Run	
Bend the Line	L1p

B1c	
Pass In	
Pass Thru	
Wheel & Deal	
Double Pass Thru	
Trail-off	
Pass the Ocean	
Leaders Run	
Pass In	
Centres Pass the Ocean	
Lockit	
Extend	W1c

B1c

Touch a Quarter Centres Trade Centres Run Ferris Wheel Double Pass Thru Trail-off Half-breed Thru Pass the Ocean Recycle B1c

SS

Heads Square Thru ¾'s Separate 'round 1 to a Line Pass Thru Wheel & Deal **Double Pass Thru** Trail-off Ladies Roll Men Start Split Square Thru Cross-clover & Men Pass the Ocean Men Swing Thru Extend Centres Trade Swing Thru Men Run L1p



Any Hand!! Swing Thru

The call of Any Hand Swing Thru is danced from an inverted line – on the call each Centre will trade with the adjacent End (one couple will trade with a right-hand while the other will trade with a left-hand). Then the new Centres will execute a Partner Trade.

B1c

Swing Thru Centres Run Tag the Line Face In Men Pass Thru Any Hand - Swing Thru Pass the Ocean Ladies Trade Square Thru Three-quarters Face In Centres Do It Twice - You're Home

SS

Heads Lead Right Centres In Any Hand - Swing Thru Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Men Circle Right - Half-way Men Pass Thru Original Sides Box the Gnat Everyone Right & Left Grand

SS

Heads Square Thru Sides Half-sashay Slide Thru Any Hand - Swing Thru Square Thru Meet Partner -Wrong Way Right & Left Grand SS

Heads Box the Gnat Heads Square Thru Slide Thru Any Hand - Swing Thru California Twirl Half-Square Thru Wrong Way Right & Left Grand

B1c

Swing Thru Centres Run Tag the Line Face In Ladies Pass Thru Any Hand - Swing Thru Cast-off Three-quarters Pass the Ocean Ladies Trade Slide Thru Pass Thru Trade By

B1c

L1p

SS

SS Side Men Run Heads Square Thru ¾'s Sides Face In Any Hand - Swing Thru Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Zoom Ladies Swing Thru Turn Thru Courtesy Turn

L1p Pass Thru Tag the Line Ends Face In Centres Face Out Any Hand - Swing Thru Star Thru Pass Thru Swing Thru Men Trade Men Run Tag the Line Face Right - three Times Promenade



Is There Life After Hilton?

In the previous issue I wrote about the quality features that have made Hilton the standard by which other sound systems are judged. I also wrote about my new set of Electrovoice SxA100 speakers. In this issue I continue by writing about mixing desks.

I actually have two different mixing desks that I now use. One has a builtin multi-track minidisk recorder while the other is extremely compact. The choice of which one to take depends upon whether or not I wish to make a recording of the dance.

The larger of the two mixers is a Yamaha MD4S Multi-track Minidisk Recorder. It measures 413mm (wide) by 109.5mm (high) and 388mm (deep). It weighs in at 5.2kg.

The mixer has four mono inputs (two with either balanced or unbalanced inputs) and two stereo inputs – only the mono inputs have equalization controls. It also has two auxiliary outputs.

The first two inputs also have "insert" sockets, which allow the use of an external device (e.g. compressor, digital effects, pitch shift, etc.).

The main feature of the mixer is that it has a built-in Minidisk player/recorder. The recorder can work in mono, stereo or in four-track format. This allows voice and music to be recorded separately so as to allow editing or one, or the other or both when you are ready to work with the material that has been recorded.

The Minidisk player has pitch control (i.e. the speed at which the Minidisk plays can be varied). The only problem with the playback feature is that if you use the looping feature to extend hoedowns there is a half-second gap between the end of the track and the start when it resumes playing. Apparently Sony has the patent on the design that allows "seamless" playback and has not allowed any other manufacturer of Minidisks to copy it in their own designs.

The other mixer that I have been using is a Behringer 602. It measures 188mm (wide) by 46mm (high) and 212mm (deep). It weighs only 1.3kg.

The mixer has two microphone inputs (accepting balanced or unbalanced cables) and two stereo line inputs. All inputs have equalization controls. It has one auxiliary output and also has "phantom power" for use with microphones requiring that feature.

In conjunction with the Behringer 602 mixer (and the Yamaha) I use walkman-size Minidisk players. One of the big advantages of the Minidisk technology is the ability to carry less, so let's maximize that benefit by using the smallest players that are available. Sony seems to have a better seamless loop than the other manufacturers.

I am finding that the sound coming from the new system(s) is excellent. I

am carry less equipment – although I seem to be carrying a lot more wires than I used to. I'm not saying that the gear that I have chosen is the best option – only that there is more than one option available to Square Dance Callers due to advances in technology.



How Do You Do What You Do To Me? Sting 328 / Paul Bristow

Paul seems to have a strong liking for British 60's rock 'n' roll music. I think this song was, initially, released by Herman's Hermits. Paul's calling is absolutely superb – very bright. The music is played by Sting's Swedish band. The music features piano, harmonica, fiddle – as well as the usual guitars and percussion. There are two different melodies – one used in the opener, middle break and closer; the other used for the figures. There is a key change going into the closer.

<u>Follow Me</u>

Global 604 / Jerry Jestin

This song is a fairly recent pop song, performed by the group "Uncle Cracker". There is a key change going into the closer. Jerry uses a couple of nice pieces of choreography – ladies right-hand star full around to a courtesy turn; ladies run to a reverse rollaway. The music is bright and bouncy and has the sound that we have come to associate with Global.

Electric Dreams

Lou-Mac 223 / Don Wood

This particular release comes from a 70's disco song. It has a very modern sound and a disco-type rhythm and feel to it. The band features excellent percussion and up beat – it has a tambourine sound as well as a handclap type sound. There is good use of electric guitar, strings and horns. The musical lead in is 24 beats long and gives a particularly nice feel to the start of the dance.

<u>Along Came Jones</u>

Rocking M 2015 / Rob Rollins

This is a fun piece of music with amusing lyrics, which comes from a 60's song by Ray Stevens. The music features wonderful horns playing a jazz-style of music. There is also piano and Jew's harp.

• Early Morning Rain

Royal 330 / Jerry Story & Tony Oxendine

A Canadian singer, Gordon Lightfoot, originally performed this song. It has been previously released on Blue Star, Pioneer and ESP labels. It is a smooth song and has a very pretty flute featured in the Royal arrangement. Mandolin, fiddles and banjo are also featured.

Best Sellers from May

1. That's The Way I Like It	
2. Vallaus fukraarina	Aussie Tempos 1022
2. Yellow Submarine	Down Under 112
3. Butterfly	
	Global 508
4. Ob-La-Di Ob-La-Da	Global 807
5. All My Loving	
	Global 707

Best Sellers from June

1. Early Morning Rain	
	Royal 330
2. Blue Side Of Lonesome	ESP 1068
3. California Blue	251 1000
4. Syncopated Spoons	Desert 99
4. Syncopated spoons	Buccaneer 1518
=5. Pretty Little Angle Eyes	Devial 120
=5. Riding My Thumb To Mexico	Royal 139
	Elite 1033

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HOW DO YOU DO IT Sti-328 / Paul Bristow / Mainstream

Although a very popular melody, to the best of my knowledge this is the first time it's been released as a Square Dance. Paul has done a super job on the selection of music, and recording the vocal. The instrumental is bright and bouncy, and Paul's vocal & choreo fits the phrasing like a glove. A key modulation at the beginning of the Closer gives an extra lift to the ending. Figure has been well constructed to take advantage of the original lyrics. Instrumental / vocal balance is well adjusted.

#48 on our May/June 2002 catalogue tape.

<u>FIGURE</u>: Heads Square Thru, Do-Sa-Do, Swing Thru, Boys run, Half Tag, Scootback, Boys Run, Slide Thru, Corner Swing, Prom.

BONNIE & CLYDE 7C's-205 / David Cox / Mainstream (Also available as an MP3 file)

Every so often a Square Dance record turns up which stands out from all others because of the distinctive musical and/or vocal arrangement. This is such a release. Sections of the music during the Break & Closer on this one are played in double time to re-enforce the word metre used during these sections. It may not be everybody's cup of tea, but you should at least check it out - it's well worth considering, and spending the little extra time to learn. David has recently started using a new studio & engineer to record instrumentals for his labels, and the quality has improved out of sight from that of the old masters. Two Minor figures are provided & called. One for the Intro., the other for the Break & Closer (when the double time occurs). Major Fig. is straight forward, yet interesting.

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<u>FIGURE</u> :	Heads Square Thru,	Do-Sa-Do,
Swing Thru,	Boys Run,	Bend The Line,
R & L Thru,	Dixie Style O/W,	Extend, L.A.,
Promenade.		

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RIDING MY THUMB TO MEXICO ER-1033 / Bob Baier / Mainstream

Although there have been several versions of this song released over the years on other labels, this "Elite version is well worth checking out. Instrumentation is excellent, and Bob does a great job on the vocal. Choreo is limited to the old "Basic" program, and allows good use of the "pop" lyrics. A key modulation at the beginning of the Closer adds that little extra excitement just where it does the most good.

#13 on our May/June 2002 catalogue tape.

<u>FIGURE</u>: Heads Square Thru, Right Hand Star, Heads Star Left, R & L Thru (with the same two), Pass To The Centre, Square Thru ¾, Swing, Prom.

ALONG CAME JONES RM-2015 / Bob Rollins / Mainstream

A song made popular several years ago by the great Ray Stevens. It was done fifteen years or so ago as a Square Dance by another label, but the arrangement of this new release is (in my opinion) far superior. If you know the song, you won't have any trouble calling this one - if you don't, then it's easy to



learn! Bob's vocal is brilliant - full of character and atmosphere. Grand Square in the Minor Fig. allows good use of original lyrics. Major Fig. is pedestrian, and should not cause troubles for any mainstream group.

#35 on our May/June 2002 catalogue tape.

<u>FIGURE</u>: Heads Square Thru, Do-Sa-Do, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Ferris Wheel, R & L Thru, Square Thru ¾, Corner Swing, Prom.