Choreo-Wise

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Hi There!

I hope that this issue finds you well. I hope that you enjoy a wonderful, happy and joyous festive season. I hope that 2003 brings to you all that you would wish for yourself.

There are now two more issues of Choreo-wise due to complete the project. The expected dates of issues #49 & #50 are late February and early April 2003 respectively.

Again, a sincere thank you for subscribing to the notes. And a big thanks to the people who have made contributions, particularly Brian Hotchkies with his record reviews and Bill Pendlebury with his critical eye. Also, thanks to Robert Dew (Western Australia) for technical advice on how to solve some problems I was having with MS Word.

My season wish is for all of us to go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no-one evil for evil; strengthen

the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; enjoy your dancing and calling.

Until next time,

P.S. As you can see, things didn't go exactly according to plan. A combination of computer problems and moving to Port Macquarie made it impossible to meet the deadline. Consequently this issue comes to you in February 2003. The next issue should be out in the next six to eight weeks.

Glitches from Issue #47

A-1 & A2 - all references to columns of six should be to two columns of three Page 553 - first routine - ADD "Hinge" after All The Men Extend Page 553 - second routine - no mistakes BUT, the Couples Circulate is with a Phantom Couple - the circulators just move ahead - they shouldn't turn A-2 page - Bill hopes that there are no mistakes (such confidence!!!!!)

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



Two issues ago I had some material in the Plus pages which featured some unusual Tidal formations – this routine features something similar with the Ladies working as a couple after the Circulate Once and a Half.

Ends & Centres

-Trades, Circulates & Multiples: Who Could Want More?

This issue's Mainstream pages will look at routines that give the End dancers one call and the Centre dancers a different call – the opportunities are endless and also allow us to have some good fun with the dancers (a bit like the material on page 554 from the previous issue).

SS

Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru Leaders Face In Centres Face Left All Eight Circulate Once and Half Ladies, as a Couple, Bend the Line Ladies Zoom Very Centre Men Hinge Men Recycle Everyone Circle Left Men Together Half-sashay Women Together Half-Sashay Same Sex Allemande Left Swing Original Partner In this routine the timing of the call Slide Thru is crucial – it should be given before the Centre dancers are still moving on the Swing Thru...

L1p

Centres Swing Thru Everyone Slide Thru Centres Pass Thru Slide Thru Pass the Ocean Recycle B1c

Ends Circulate Twice, Centres Trade & Circulate Once...

L1p Right & Left Thru Dixie Style to a Wave Ladies Circulate Twice Men Trade Men Circulate Left Swing Thru Men Circulate Twice Ladies Trade Ladies Circulate Left Swing Thru Ladies Circulate Men Trade Allemande Left

This is similar but has a slightly different resolution...

B1c Swing Thru Men Trade Men Run Bend the Line **Right & Left Thru** Dixie Style to a Wave Ladies Circulate Men Trade - Twice Left Swing Thru Men Circulate Twice Ladies Trade Ladies Circulate Left Swing Thru All Eight Circulate Allemande Left

From a Right-hand Ocean Wave this concept moves smoothly into a Right & Left Grand...

L1p

Flutterwheel Pass the Ocean Men Circulate Twice Ladies Trade Ladies Circulate Swing Thru Ladies Circulate Twice Men Trade Men Circulate Right & Left Grand

This time we work the concept to a Promenade get-out...

L1p Right & Left Thru Dixie Style to a Wave Ladies Circulate Twice Men Trade Men Circulate Left Swing Thru Men Circulate Twice Ladies Trade Ladies Circulate Ladies Run Promenade

B1c

Pass the Ocean Recycle **Right & Left Thru** Pass the Ocean Ladies Trade Men Circulate Swing Thru Ladies Circulate Twice Men Trade Men Circulate Swing Thru Men Circulate Twice Ladies Trade Ladies Circulate Ladies Trade Men Run Men Trade & Promenade This is an unusual Cloverleaf, but it is not difficult, just unusual...

SS

Heads Star Thru **Double Pass Thru** Face In Ends Pass Thru **Ends Cloverleaf Centres Pass the Ocean** Swing Thru Extend Hinge Centres Trade Men Run Ends Pass Thru Ends Cloverleaf **Centres Pass the Ocean** Swing Thru Extend Ladies Trade Recycle B1c

The A-1 call Cycle & Wheel can be called directionally and even be made into a Cycle & Ferris Wheel...

SS Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru Ends Face Left Centres Face Out All Eight Circulate Men Ferris Wheel Ladies Recycle Men Left Turn Thru Star Thru Ferris Wheel Centres Swing Thru Centres Cast-off Three-quarters Allemande Left - You're Home

L1p

Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Centres Face Left Ends Face Right Centres Trade Hinge Centres Cross-fold Box the Gnat Right & Left Grand

Singing Calls

HEADS PASS THRU HEADS PARTNER TRADE HEADS PASS THE OCEAN EXTEND LADIES TRADE SWING THRU SPIN THE TOP RECYCLE SQUARE THRU THREE-QUARTERS SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THRU HEADS PARTNER TRADE HEADS PASS THE OCEAN EXTEND SWING THRU MEN TRADE SPIN THE TOP RECYCLE SLIDE THRU SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THRU HEADS PARTNER TRADE HEADS STAR THRU CENTRES PASS THRU RIGHT & LEFT THRU HALF-SASHAY ONCE AND A HALF MEN RIGHT PULL-BY LEFT TOUCH A QUARTER CHAIN DOWN THE LINE PASS THRU ALLEMANDE LEFT PROMENADE

HEADS LEAD RIGHT PASS THE OCEAN SPIN THE TOP MEN RUN AS COUPLES HINGE CHAIN DOWN THE LINE SQUARE THRU THREE-QUARTERS TRADE BY ALLEMANDE LEFT SWING & PROMENADE

SWING & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THRU SEPARATE ROUND ONE TO A LINE CENTRES PASS THE OCEAN ENDS STAR THRU EXTEND SWING THRU MEN RUN CHAIN DOWN THE LINE FLUTTERWHEEL SWEEP A QUARTER SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN CENTRE LADIES RUN CENTRES HALF-TAG CENTRES HINGE CENTRE LADIES TRADE EXTEND SPIN THE TOP MEN RUN CHAIN DOWN THE LINE HALF-SASHAY SWING & PROMENADE

HEADS STAR THRU DOUBLE PASS THRU FACE RIGHT COUPLES CIRCULATE BEND THE LINE PASS THRU WHEEL & DEAL DOUBLE PASS THRU LADIES CLOVERLEAF MEN FACE IN MEN PASS THRU EVERYONE PASS THRU TRADE BY SWING & PROMENADE

HEADS HALF-SASHAY HEADS PASS THRU HEADS CLOVERLEAF SIDES LEFT SQUARE THRU 3/4S TOUCH A QUARTER CENTRES TRADE CENTRES RUN TAG THE LINE FACE RIGHT WHEEL & DEAL SWING THRU



Where's A Good Dixie Grand When You Need One?

It is quite some time since I have featured Dixie Grand. It's biggest drawback is that it always ends in a circle with a left hand free – so there isn't really all that much you can call but an Allemande Left. This issue looks at getting variety by having different calls used as a prelude to the call Dixie Grand.

Cloverleaf...

B1c
Swing Thru
Men Run
Bend the Line
Pass Thru
Wheel & Deal
Double Pass Thru
Cloverleaf
Dixie Grand
Allemande Left

Zoom...

L1p	
Pass the Ocean	
Acey Deucey	
Linear Cycle	
Pass Thru	
Wheel & Deal	

Zoom Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Ferris Wheel...

B1c Right & Left Thru Veer Left Couples Circulate Ferris Wheel Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Wheel & Deal...

B1c Swing Thru Men Run Couples Circulate Bend the Line Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Double Pass Thru...

B1c Eight Chain Two Right & Left Thru Veer Left Couples Circulate Ferris Wheel Double Pass Thru Dixie Grand Allemande Left

In recent years there has been a slight modification to the definition of Dixie Grand – it can now start from any formation where **at least** two dancers are facing and can start with a Righthand Pull-by.

Extend...

Blc	
Relay the Deucey	
Extend	
Dixie Grand	
Allemande Left	

Men U-turn Back...

SS

Four Ladies Chain Heads Half-sashay Circle Right Go Single File Men U-turn Back Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Ladies U-turn Back...

SS Four Ladies Chain Four Ladies Chain Threequarters Heads Half-sashay Circle Left Go Single File Ladies U-turn Back Dixie Grand Do Paso Roll Promenade

Ladies U-turn Back...

SS Heads Right & Left Thru Heads Half-sashay Sides Star Thru Pass Thru Split the Outside Couple 'round 1 to a Line Circle Left Go Single File Ladies U-turn Back Dixie Grand - Four Hands Swing Partner

Slide Thru...

B1c Circle to a Line Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Zoom Double Pass Thru Centres In Cast-off Three-quarters Slide Thru Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Pass to the Centre...

B1c Pass to the Centre Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Big Dixie Grand...

SS Four Ladies Chain New #2 Couple Face Corner Star Thru Square Your Set Like That New Heads Pass Thru Separate 'round 1 to a Line All Join Hands - Circle Left Go Single File Ladies U-turn Back Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Funny Thar...

SS Allemande Left Forward 2 to an Allemande Thar Shoot the Star Forward 2 to an Allemande Thar Shoot the Star a Full Turn Original Heads -Right Hand Pull-by Original Sides Start - Dixie Grand Allemande Left

Singing Call

HEADS LEAD RIGHT VEER LEFT LADIES HINGE DIAMOND CIRCULATE FLIP THE DIAMOND LADIES TRADE RECYCLE VEER LEFT FERRIS WHEEL DIXIE GRAND ALLEMANDE LEFT SWING & PROMENADE



Right Roll/Left Roll

Right/Left Roll at a Wave can be a surprisingly tricky call. Sometimes dancers want to turn a quarter and work with the inactive dancers, rather than doing a complete 180 degree turn. Other times, dancers may be unaware who are the leaders and who are the trailers.

When executing a Right/Left Roll to a Wave, only the Lead dancers turn - the Trailing dancers simply Extend to make a Wave with the dancer in front of them.

The Centres are the Leaders...

L1p Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Left Roll to a Wave And Mix And Roll Centres Left-hand Pull By Square Thru Three-quarters Allemande Left

And again...

L1p Pass the Ocean Recycle Veer Left Ferris Wheel Right Roll to a Wave One Quarter Thru Men Run Pass the Sea Acey Deucey Allemande Left Centres in a Parallel Mini-waves...

SS Heads Half-sashay Heads Touch a Quarter Centres Circulate Centres Right Roll to a Wave Chain Reaction Right & Left Grand

This time there is only one Leader in each group...

SS

Heads Touch a Quarter Centres Circulate Everyone Right Roll to a Wave Centres Trade Linear Cycle

I have found that if dancers aren't used to thinking of columns as two sets of parallel mini-waves this next routine can be quite confusing...

L1p Left Touch a Quarter Single File Circulate Right Roll to a Wave Spin the Top Recycle Pass the Ocean And Mix Allemande Left

From a Right-hand Column good bodyflow dictates that it should be Left Roll...

L1p Right & Left Thru Half-sashay Touch a Quarter Single File Circulate Left Roll to a Wave Allemande Left



Checkmate!

Checkmate is a call I should try to use more often – I guess it is a bad habit that I have developed – it is so easy to have favourite calls while virtually ignoring others.

When teaching Checkmate it is important that dancers keep the formation recognizable – they need to keep the lines straight and the corners square otherwise the move just becomes a mess.

Keeping the formation tight also improves timing and rhythmical movement.

Basically Checkmate takes a normal gender arrangement in a one-faced line and converts it to a half-sashayed arrangement in a two-faced line.

Convert a Line to a Box...

L1p	
Touch a Quarter	
Checkmate	
Mini-busy	
Very Centres Trade	
Extend	B1c

This is a slick get-out module as the Allemande Left is totally unexpected due to the formation that it is called from...

B1c Swing Thru Men Trade Men Run Tag the Line Quarter In Touch a Quarter Checkmate Allemande Left

When starting with a half-sashayed line Checkmate finishes with a normal gender arrangement...

L1p Square Thru Three-quarters Wheel & Deal Centres Half-sashay Double Pass Thru Quarter In Touch a Quarter Checkmate Chain Down The Line Pass the Sea All Eight Circulate Once & a Half Allemande Left

SS

Heads Lead Right Veer Left Cross-over Circulate Turn & Deal Pass In Touch a Quarter Checkmate Mini-busy Chain Reaction Recycle Right & Left Grand

Singing Call

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN EXTEND SPIN THE TOP HINGE CHECKMATE FERRIS WHEEL CENTRES PASS THRU PASS IN SQUARE THRU THREE-QUARTERS AS COUPLES – FACE LEFT PROMENADE





More Off-set – Be Preciser!

This issue continues to look at some Offset material. This issue the material becomes more complex, and consequently, the chance of dancer and caller error increases. As with all material, use your judgment – Square Dancing is supposed to be fun.

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Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru Face Right **Couples Circulate** Men Bend the Line Ladies DYP – Ferris Wheel Ladies Sweep a Quarter Ladies Veer Left Everyone Off-set Double Pass Thru Ladies Trade Everyone Star Thru Everyone Off-set Double Pass Thru Leaders Trade Everyone Pass the Ocean **Everyone Hinge** In the Wave - Recycle Other Ladies Run **Everyone Double Pass Thru** Face In Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Centres Pass Thru B1c Allemande Left And You Should Be Home!

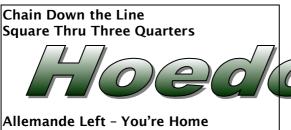
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Heads Star Thru Double Pass Thru Face Right Ladies Bend the Line **Couples (Phantom) Circulate** Ladies Trade Men DYP - Tag the Line Split the Ladies First Man Right - Second Man Left Round One to an Off-set Line Facing/Centre C'ples Pass the Ocean Others - Girl Walk, Man Dodge Check a Diamond - Cut the Diamond Swing Thru **Centres Trade Extend & Swing Partner**

L1p Pass the Ocean Recycle Veer Left Ferris Wheel Evervone Veer Left Off-set Double Pass Thru Leaders Trade Pass the Ocean Ladies Cross Run Centre Box Circulate Same Four Hinge Very Centre Men Cross Run Others DYP Split Circulate Check A Diamond - Flip the Diamond Ladies Fold **Double Pass Thru** Peel Off Pass Thru Wheel & Deal & Spread Allemande Left

SS

Heads Touch a Quarter Ladies Pass Thru Ladies Face Out Men Diagonal Double Pass Thru Men Face Out Ladies, as a Couple, DYP - Cross Fold Everyone Star Thru Off-set Double Pass Thru First Couple Go Left



Interaction & Reaction – Way to Go!

Possibly the most significant difference between Square Dancing and other forms of dancing is the lack of predictability, the spontaneity and the interaction between the dancers and the interaction between dancers and the caller.

I find that, the callers who are the most fun to dance to are the callers who are reacting to the dancers – be it choreographically or verbally.

What can we do to increase our interaction with dancers in a positive way?

To be honest, there are some callers, as they are calling who never look at the dancers. There are some callers who know what they will call before they even set-foot on the stage and no matter what the dancers do it won't change their call or presentation.

I feel sorry for these callers and I feel sorry for the people who dance to them.

They might be very fine callers in many ways but they are missing out on a lot of potential fun.

There are times when you can have good fun by talking to the dancers as

they dance and make comments about what might be happening on the floor.



What you might lose by way of "good" timing I feel you more than make up by the development of good rapport with the dancers.

If you are not used to doing this "midperformance", so to speak, you will find that the more that you do it the easier it becomes.

If a dancer does something a little out of the ordinary just say something like, "I saw that!". Dancers like to be noticed. Alternatively you might say something like, "I'm surprised they let you get away with that!".

Sometimes you might see a dancer perform a step in a particularly stylish way. You might say, "I like your style." It doesn't have to be much - just something so that there is that interaction.

Choreographically, if you see dancers having trouble with a particular combination of calls you might change your delivery to make it more certain that they will be successful – let them know that you are trying to help.

Keep in mind that if a square or a dancer is having great trouble, you must be very careful with what you do say. Some dancers may feel very selfconscious and it is possible that they could take offense if you are careless in the way that you try to personalize your performance.

Try to use harmless comments like, "You guys ready to surrender yet?" and maybe wave a white hanky at them keep it light - make it fun. I tend to think of a square as a group of nine people – eight dancers and one caller. The caller should really picture him or her self as down there in each and every single square – let the dancers know that you are there with them.



By David Cox

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

Royal 331 / Jerry Story & Tony Oxendine

This is a very exciting piece of music. Initially it doesn't sound like the original tune. That is because the original doesn't run for 64 beats. The song is in 2/4 time and so feels much peppier than other recordings of the same tune that have kept the original swing rhythm. Naturally there is plenty of trumpet used in this recording. HEADS SQUARE THRU - RIGHT & LEFT THRU - SWING THRU - MEN RUN - HALF-TAG - SCOOTBACK - MEN RUN -SQUARE THRU THREE-QUARTERS -SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

• <u>Someone Is Looking For Someone Like You</u> Sting 325 / Ron Hepburn & Paul Bristow

Paul has done a good job on this tune that has been released previously on FTC and Lou-Mac. There are rhythm variations on the first 32 beats of the first and third figures. There is a key change going into the closer. It makes me tingle to listen to it. HEADS SQUARE THRU - DOSADO -SWING THRU - MEN RUN - BEND THE LINE - RIGHT & LEFT THRU -FLUTTERWHEEL - SLIDE THRU - SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

<u>Mama Maria</u>

ABC 18 / Jiri Slaby & Jirka Scobak

Disco-style music must be very popular in the Czech Republic. This music has a lot of get-up and go. There are harmony vocals on the musical introduction only. The music has a very strong beat and a very easy melody line to follow.

HEADS SQUARE THRU - DOSADO -TOUCH A QUARTER - CENTRES TRADE -SWING THRU - SPIN THE TOP - SPIN THE TOP AGAIN - SCOOTBACK - CORNER SWING & PROMENADE

• <u>Don't Worry, Be Happy</u> Aussie Tempos 1028 / Jason Dean

I hope that this record sells well – it is absolutely delightful. It has a relaxed 4/4 rhythm with a strong calypso feel. I danced it at Armidale before I received a copy. It feels wonderful to move to. Jason has done a superb job on the call. He has made use of a strong West Indian accent along with some interesting sound effects. It is ironic, however, that the artist who made the song a hit committed suicide only a couple of years after having become famous.

HEADS PROMENADE HALF-WAY – LEAD RIGHT – CIRLE TO A LINE – RIGHT & LEFT THRU – SQUARE THRU – TRADE BY – LEFT ALLEMANDE – SWING & PROMENADE

Best Sellers from October

1. Been There, Done That	
	Aussie Tempos
2. Nuttin' For Christmas	
2 Ver the Mar C Part to Lever With Ve	C-Bar-C
3. Yes, It's Me & I'm In Love With Yo	Global
4. Timber	Clobal
	Royal
5. Celito Lindo	
	JRR

Best Sellers from November

1. Just Another Day In Paradise	
	Rhythm
2. Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch	Poval
3. Santas Gonna Come In A Pickup Truck	Royal
	Double M
4. Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	
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WHEN IT'S GONE SG-706 / Don & Doug Sprosty / Mainstream

This was not a familiar tune to me, but I quickly found myself humming along with the melody. Instrumentation has a full, rich sound with good fidelity. Vocal is very nicely called by Doug & Don. I was especially impressed rhythm with their maintenance and reinforcement. Choreo is limited to the old CallerLab Basic program. Minor fig. employs simple "Promenade, Swing, Circle, а Allemande & Weave" routine, while the Major fig. is easy, yet interesting. When I call it, I "Heads R&L Thru, modify the start: Pass The Ocean, Extend", instead of "Heads Square Thru, Step to a Wave".

#50 on our Jul/Aug 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Sq. Thru, Step to a Wave, Girls Trade, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Bend the Line, R&L Thru, Flutterwheel, Sweep ¹/₄, Corner Swing, Prom.

CHRISTMAS DAY Sti-310 / Staff Callers / Plus

Originally released in April 1990, and one of the most popular Christmas theme records ever. It has however been un-available for the past five years. Due to the high demand, Paul Bristow (current owner of the Sting label) has decided to re-release it with the original "Sting staff" vocal. Instrumentation & fidelity are superb. The melody is well known and easy to call. Although most Callers will only use the record at Christmas time, it's a worthwhile addition to your collection. **#50** on our Sep/Oct 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE:Heads Sq. Thru,Do-Sa-Do,Swing Thru,Boys Run, ½ Tag,Trade & Roll,Square Thru ¾,Left Allemande,Prom.

BOOGIE WOOGIE BUGLE BOY Roy-331 / Jerry & Tony / Mainstream

A typical Royal production: First class music, vocal & fidelity. The song will be well known to most Callers, and is presented in an *up-tempo* style. Most Callers should have little trouble *putting it over*. However, if you can call it as well as Jerry & Tony, you're worth more money. The minor figure is simple & straight forward, and although the major figure is also simple, it is interesting and has good body flow.

#42 on our Sep/Oct 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Sq. Thru, R & L Thru, Swing Thru, Boys Run, ½ Tag, Scootback, Boys Run, Sq. Thru ¾, Corner Swing, Prom.

NUTTIN' FOR XMAS CBC-809 / David Cox / Mainstream

This is a very topical dance for this time. The melody may not be familiar to everybody, but it is very catchy and easy to learn. It's an excellent novelty *Christmas theme* record. Instrumentation is unique and well played. There are several lead instruments employed during the record, including barking dogs, which seem to always be able to hit the right note (how did they do that?). This one is well worth checking out, and my bet is that it will find it's way into many callers' record cases. **#08** on our Sep/Oct 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Pass Thru, Partner Trade, Sq. Thru, R & L Thru, Veer Left, Couples Circ., Wheel & Deal, Sq. Thru ³/₄, Allemande Left, Prom.

