Choreo-Wise

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Hi There!

I hope that this issue finds you well and that life is treating you in the manner to which you would like to become accustomed.

Computers can be a wonderful tool and provide great assistance – when they are working well and properly. On the other hand, when they decide to be less than 100% co-operative, they, at the very least, do provide a very convincing reason for not being able to meet self-imposed deadlines. I guess I can now say the same about photocopiers – after waiting two weeks for the printer to run-off the hard copies, he left a page out of issue 4.8 (that page was inserted later, and hence the couple of blank pages in the issue.

Unbeknownst (is there such a word?) to Word-format subscribers and hard-copy subscribers, my Adobe Acrobat Writer has started to play funny games and the subscribers who take the electronic subscription in PDF format have been let down for the second month in a row. At this stage I am just trying to do the best I can,

using what limited resources I currently have available to me that are functioning correctly.

One of the things I am finding most difficult, at this point in time, when it comes to writing up an issue of Choreo-wise, is to remember what ideas I have used in the past so as not to duplicate these ideas

Until next time,

Glitches from Issue #48

p. 562 - second routine - delete Four Ladies Chain

p. 565 - second routine - add Head Ladies Chain

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



Unexpected Return to Home Get-outs!

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.

As a dancer, I like to be surprised. I find that if callers use the same type of resolution all the time (or even most of the time) some of the more astute dancers can start to see a resolution as it evolves, and so lose the element of surprise.

Have a look at some of these!

This routine starts with a Zero Line, with the number one couple in the front, righthand quadrant of the square...

SS
Heads Lead Right
Circle to a Line Llp
Touch a Quarter
Column Circulate Once and a
Half
Centre Six Trade
Centre Men Slide Apart
Ladies Circulate Once and a Half
Men Circulate Once
Bend the Line - You're Home!

From a Zero Box with the number one gentleman in the front left-hand quadrant of the square...

SS B1c **Heads Square Thru** Swing Thru Lead Man Run Right Lead Lady U-turn Back Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Zoom **Double Pass Thru** Centres In **Cast-off Three Quarters** Centres Pass Thru Everyone Trade -<with the person next to you> **Bow to Your Partner**

This one starts from a Zero Box with the number 1 man in the front, left-hand quadrant of the square...

SS
Heads Square Thru
Blc
Swing Thru
Men Run
Bend the Line
Right & Left Thru
Touch a Quarter
Men Diagonal Pass Thru
Bow to Partner - You're Home

This one starts from a *box formation with the sides at home and the heads standing in front of their respective left-hand couples...

SS
Heads Pass the Ocean
Recycle
Pass Thru
*Box
Right & Left Thru
Pass Thru
Centres Touch a Quarter
Centres Walk & Dodge
Everyone Partner Trade
Bow to Partner - You're Home

This one starts from a *box formation with the sides at home and the heads standing in front of their respective right-hand couples...

SS

Heads Lead Right Circle to a Line Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Double Pass Thru Leaders Trade

*Box

Star Thru

Slide Thru

Pass Thru

Centres Left Touch a Quarter

Centres Walk & Dodge

Everyone Face Partner

Box the Gnat

Bow to Partner - You're Home

We can take this idea a little further, again using the Zero Box with the number 1 man in the front, left-hand quadrant...

SS

Heads Star Thru
Centres California Twirl
Right & Left Thru
End Couples Half-sashay
Pass to the Centre
Centres Touch a Quarter
Centre Ladies Scootback
Centre Men Dodge
Everyone Face Your Partner
Bow to Partner - You're Home

This one starts with Man #1 in front of his corner, who is at home with partner...

SS

Heads Square Thru B1c
Swing Thru
Men Run
Ferris Wheel
Centres Half-square Thru
Cloverleaf
Centres Pass Thru
Allemande Left
Right & Left Grand but on the
Third Hand

Bow to Partner - You're Home

Back to the initial idea built around columns circulating once and a half...

SS

Heads Pass the Ocean

Ladies Trade

Extend

Recycle

Slide Thru

Touch a Ouarter

Column Circulate Once and a

Half

Centre Men Trade

Centre Men Slide Apart

Men Circulate

Ladies Walk & Dodge

Ladies Trade

Ladies Pass the Ocean

Ladies Swing Thru

Centre Ladies Hinge

Couples Who Can - Bend the Line

Others Hinge

Everyone Face Partner

Bow to Partner - You're Home

This next routine is not a return to home routine, but it is an unexpected Allemande Left...

L1p

Pass the Ocean
Ladies Trade
Swing Thru
Spin the Top
Very Centres Cross Run
<round one girl>
Everyone Hinge
If you can - Allemande Left

Everyone Right & Left Grand

The essential element is that half the dancers Hinge by the Right, while the others Hinge by the Left, resulting in a magic column when only some are facing.

The following is a slick combination that I have been using to set up a Zero Box - it has nice body flow...

SS

Heads Pass The Ocean

Very Centres Trade Centre Men Run Right Centres Veer Left

B₁c

The next routine is a smooth, but unusual module that finishes with a Right & Left Grand...

L1p

Pass the Ocean Centres Trade Swing Thru Men Run As Couples Hinge Chain Down The Line Half Sashay Right & Left Grand

This next routine involves the Ladies working around the Centre Men...

B1c

Swing Thru
Lead Men Run Right
Lead Ladies U-turn Back
Pass the Ocean
Recycle
Veer Left
As Couples Hinge
Centre Ladies Run Right
Ladies Bend the Line
Ladies Pass the Ocean
Chain Down the Line
Allemande Left

Leaders are, of course, those people who are facing out of the formation.

This next set-up is simple but quite different...

SS

#1 Couple Split the Opposite
Separate 'round 1 to a line of 4
The Line Walk Across the Square
Break in the middle - work as couples
Couples Separate 'round 1 Make a line of 4
Everyone Star Thru
Circle Four Half-way
B1C
Pass Thru
Ends Half Zoom

Centres Face Partner Everyone Bow to Partner This is a slick way to convert a Zero Line to a Zero Box...

R1c

L1p

Square Thru Three-quarters Wheel & Deal Centres Left-hand Star ¾'s

Look For Corner

LOOK FOR CORN
Slide Thru

Pass the Ocean

Swing Thru

Recycle

Pass Thru

Right & Left Grand

Singing Calls

HEADS STAR THRU
PASS THRU
STAR THRU
PASS THRU
BEND THE LINE
SQUARE THRU
TRADE BY
STAR THRU
PASS THRU
BEND THE LINE
PASS THE OCEAN
ALL EIGHT CIRCULATE – TWICE
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS STAR THRU
CENTRES FACE IN
CENTRES SQUARE THRU
SWING THRU
CENTRES RUN
BEND THE LINE
LADIES SQUARE THRU
MEN PASS THRU
SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

HEADS STAR THRU
CENTRES CALIFORNIA TWIRL
STAR THRU
PASS THRU
TAG THE LINE & FACE IN
PASS THRU
TAG THE LINE
CLOVERLEAF
CENTRES ALLEMANDE LEFT
SWING & PROMENADE



A couple of ideas to play with!

Again, with just a couple of issues to go I am trying to give you plenty of interesting ideas to play around with.

In the first few routines I use a Roll from an uncommon situation. The result of the roll will be a T-bone formation with the dancers who executed the Roll both facing the dancer who is between them.

Touch a Quarter
Ladies Trade
Ladies Roll <to face a man>
Centres DYP, Walk & Dodge
Ladies Touch a Quarter
Centres Trade
Ladies Trade
Ladies Thru
Pass Thru
Allemande Left

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Split Circulate
Men Trade
Men Roll <to face a lady>
Centres DYP, Walk & Dodge
Men Touch a Quarter
Centres Trade
Men Fold
Double Pass Thru

Face Left
Bend the Line Llp

Lets look for some return to home resolutions - circulating once and a half from a column opens up a whole pile of options for sighting this sort of get-out...

SS **Heads Lead Right** Veer Left Bend the Line Touch a Ouarter Column Circulate Once and a Half Centre Six Trade **Very Centres Spread Apart Men Outside Diamond Circulate** Ladies Walk & Dodge Ladies Chase Right Ladies Hinge **Very Centres Hinge** In the Wave - Recycle Same Ones Veer Left Original Heads Bend the Line **Original Sides Circulate** Original Heads Star Thru Original Sides Bend the Line

And this one...

Bow to the Partner

Heads Square Thru

Blc
Slide Thru

Pass the Ocean

Hinge

Centres Trade

Centres Run

Three-quarter Tag the Line

Centres Explode the Wave

Centres Step Ahead

The Others Chase Right

Everyone Bow to Partner

You're Home

This get-out module has just the centres doing an Allemande Left...

L1p Pass the Ocean Hinge Trade the Wave & Roll Centres Allemande Left Right & Left Grand

And so does this one...

L1p
Pass Thru
Tag the Line
Cloverleaf
Zoom
Centres Touch a Quarter
Centres Follow Your Neighbour
Centres Allemande Left
Right & Left Grand

Heads Square Thru Dosado to a Wave W1c Ladies Trade Swing Thru All Eight Circulate Once & a Half Heads have a Wave Head Men Trade Four Men Run **Head Ladies Hinge** Ladies, as a couple, Hinge Line of Six - Tag the Line Same Six Face Right **Four Outside Dancers Circulate Very Centre Men Hinge** Original Heads Tag the Line Original Heads Face Right Original Side Ladies Trade Original Couples Circulate Bend the Line **Bow to Partner - You're Home**

This is a nice routine to finish off a hoedown...

SS

Heads Lead Right Veer Left Half-tag the Line Fan the Top Centre Wave - Trade the Wave **Everyone Hinge** Centres Walk & Dodge Centres In Cast-off Three-quarters Centres Pass the Ocean Cut the Diamond & Roll In the Centre Ladies Start -Left Swing Thru **Outside Couples Half-sashay** Extend Right & Left Grand

Singing Call

HEADS LEAD RIGHT VEER LEFT MEN RUN TRADE THE WAVE LADIES CAST-OFF THREE-QUARTERS DIAMOND CIRCULATE **MEN HINGE MEN RUN BEND THE LINE** PASS THE OCEAN LADIES TRADE EXTEND **SWING & PROMENADE**

HEADS PASS THE OCEAN SPIN CHAIN THE GEARS LADIES RUN **BEND THE LINE** STAR THRU **TRADE BY SWING & PROMENADE**



As Couples + Lockit

Here are some simple, yet elegant routines, that I hope give you, and those who dance with you, a lot of pleasure.

This one starts with the Heads working as a couple and executing a Touch a Quarter...

SS

Heads, couples, Touch as **Ouarter Ladies Pass Thru Centres Lockit Ends Hinge** Each Wave - Lockit Cast A Shadow **Cross-over Circulate** Tag the Line Face Left Couples Circulate Once & a Half Bend the Line You're Home

This time it's a Left Touch a Quarter...

SS

Heads, as couples, Left Touch a Quarter Men Pass Thru **Centres Lockit** Others Cast-off Three-quarters Centre Wave - Mix Men work as couples -With the Centres - Swing Thru **End Lady Run** As Couples Hinge As Couples Roll Pass Thru Wheel & Deal Ladies Reverse Swap Around

Men Half-sashay Swing Partner

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

SS

Heads Star Thru Ladies Left Diagonal Double Pass Thru Transfer the Column One Quarter Thru Mix Allemande Left

And...

SS

Heads Star Thru
Double Pass Thru
Men Run
Transfer the Column
Scoot & Dodge
Ends Bend
Split Square Thru
Horseshoe Turn
Pass Thru
Right & Left Grand

And...

SS

Heads Pair Off Touch a Quarter Fan the Top Hinge Transfer the Column Split Circulate Once & a Half Six by Two Acey Deucey Flip the Diamond Walk & Dodge Step & Slide Peel Off Pass Thru Wheel & Deal & Spread Pass Thru Tag the Line **Horseshoe Turn** Pass to the Centre **Centres Pass In**

You're Home



Diamond Chain Thru

As always, there seem to be some calls which get more attention than others - I should call Diamond Chain Thru more often - it has nice flow.

To give good timing to all of the dancers it is a good idea to give the End dancers something to do while the others are working in the middle...

B1c Swing Thru Switch to a Diamond Diamond Chain Thru Ladies Circulate Cross-over Circulate Ferris Wheel Centres Pass the Sea Lockit Extend - Twice Allemande Left

This one has the Men Circulating...

L1p Pass the Ocean Switch to a Diamond Diamond Chain Thru **Ends Circulate** Mini-busy Scoot Chain Thru Clover & Hinae Those Who Can Pass Thru Centres Pass Thru Those Who Can Pass Thru Clover & **Ladies Box Counter Rotate** Ladies Right Roll to a Wave Slip Turn Thru Swing Partner

B1c Touch a Quarter Slip Switch to a Diamond Six by Two Acey Deucey Diamond Chain Thru **Ends Zoom Cross-over Circulate** Turn & Deal & Roll Men Ouarter Thru Diamond Chain Thru Men Circulate Cross Turn & Deal Ladies Touch a Quarter **Ladies Box Counter Rotate** & Roll Ladies Pass In **Ladies Pass Thru** Swing Partner

This has a nice finish...

SS

Heads Square Chain Thru Circle Four - Halfway Veer Left Couples Circulate Partner Hinge Centres Trade Switch to a Diamond Diamond Chain Thru Ferris Wheel Bow to Your Partner

Singing Call

HEADS RIGHT & LEFT THRU
HEADS LEFT WHEEL THRU
LEFT SWING THRU & SLIDE
MEN HINGE
DIAMOND CHAIN THRU
LEADERS RUN
PASS IN & ROLL
PASS THRU
QUARTER IN
SWING & PROMENADE



Ping-Pong Relocate

This is a new call that has been written by Brian Hotchkies. I times well and has superb body-flow. It is easy to teach and to dance and I would recommend that callers consider trying it at their Plus dances.

The definition is:

Starting Formation: Quarter Tag Formation

How to do it: Dancers will all do a Ping Pong Circulate – then those in the Centre will Fan the Top while those on the outside will Divide and Slide Thru.

Finishing Formation: the call will result in a Quarter Tag, Three-quarter Tag or a Wave between Right or Left-handed Mini-waves, depending on the gender arrangement of the starting formation.

From a standard Quarter Tag formation...

SS

Heads Pass the Ocean Ping Pong Relocate Centres Recycle Star Thru You're Home

From a half-sashayed Quarter Tag formation...

SS

Heads Flutterwheel
Heads Pass the Ocean
Swing Thru
Sides Half-sashay
Ping Pong Relocate
Centres Recycle
Star Thru
Everyone California Twirl



With Men in the Centre...

B1c
Touch a Quarter
Extend
Men Swing Thru
Ladies Trade
Ping Pong Relocate
Those Who Can Pass Thru
Centres Half-tag
Centres Face Right
Everyone Trade By
Box the Gnat
Right & Left Grand

With Ladies in the Centre...

L1p Pass the Ocean Cast-off Three-quarters Extend Men Cloverleaf Ladies Spin the Top Ping Pong Relocate Column of 6 Grand Walk & Dodge Centre Four Recycle **Everyone Trade By Everyone Slide Thru Ends Pass Thru Everyone Wheel & Deal** Centres Star Thru Centre Step Back Others Lead Left B1c Allemande Left

Singing Call

HEADS LEAD RIGHT
VEER LEFT
LADIES TRADE
BEND THE LINE
FORWARD & BACK
CENTRES SPIN THE TOP
ENDS STAR THRU
PING PONG RELOCATE

SWING THRU TURN THRU SWING PROMENADE

How To Score A Goal!

Not all hoedowns are the same!

To be successful, callers should be able to look at a crowd of dancers, work out what type of hoedown is going to best suit the needs of the program at that point of time, and then deliver an appropriate product.

Callers should be receptive and responsive to the mood of the dance hall - and be prepared to deviate from a planned program if necessary.

Every time I call a hoedown I have different aims that I wish to achieve. Sometimes I want to concentrate on smoothness and good timing. Other times I may want to concentrate of creating a feeling of excitement amongst the dancers. There will be times I wish to play around with a particular concept or idea. There will be times I want to challenge the intellect of the dancers and am prepared to sacrifice timing to allow the dancers to orient themselves and to be successful.

My aim for any particular hoedown is going to depend upon a variety of factors. What part of the program have we reached? Are the dancers experienced or are they still learning? How well have they been dancing so far this session? What did we do in the previous bracket? How well do the dancers know me and how well do I know them?

There is such great variety in hoedown music that we should take special care that the music we choose will augment our intentions regarding the hoedown.

For example, if I want to do a hoedown that emphasizes smooth dancing and good timing, I might use something is particularly musical and smooth, like Snowflake (TNT). If I want to do complex choreography I might use something that has a good beat but is not distracting, like 10-20 Hoedown (Hi Hat). If I am going to give the dancers a feeling of speed I might use a traditional hoedown like Patty-Rose (Cross Country). If I want to just make the hoedown fun, I might use contemporary music Catweazle (Snow) or Hazel-mae (Sting).

Every time you have more than one square on the floor you will find that the squares are not the same. Some squares will be better than others - some squares will be slower than others.

What do you do? To call material that is easy for some squares may be too difficult for some of the other squares.

I feel that you need to be responsive to the floor by trying to do something for everyone sometime during the dance. You might decide, at one time, to challenge the better dancers even though the less experienced squares may struggle. Other times you may decide to spend more time helping the less experienced squares, even though this means that the experienced dancers may spend some "dead time" while you are waiting for all squares to be ready for the next call.

I do make a point of trying to finish a hoedown with a routine that is sure to be successful and is a little different so that each square will finish the dance on a note of success.



<u>Releases — early '03</u> By David Cox

She's My Baby

C-Bar-C 810 / Me!

This is a rock & roll piece of music, played by Newcastle's Mark Tinson. Twenty-five years after the death of Australia's Wild One, Johnny O'Keefe, I have released one of his most popular songs. The music is arranged so as to be as true to the original song as possible. There is good rhythm variation - most of the way through the record the first half of each figure is played in 4/4 time while in the second half of the figure the music swings into 2/4 time. There is a key change halfway through the closer. The tune also features a change of melody for the 16 beat tag at the end. Instrumentation features guitar, saxophone, tubular bells and vocal "do-wops". Callers purchasing the CD version (as opposed to the vinyl version) get two instrumental tracks, one with less melody but with harmony vocals. The other instrumental has no vocal harmonies but has a fuller instrumenation. The called track features Load the Boat from a couple of different situations.

HEADS SQUARE THRU - TOUCH A QUARTER - CENTRES TRADE - MEN TRADE - LADIES TRADE - CENTRES TRADE - LADIES RUN - LOAD THE BOAT - TURN THRU - ALLEMANDE LEFT -SWING & PROMENADE

If You're Irish

Tarheel 126 / Dave Houlihan

This would be a great piece of music to use for St. Patrick's Day next year. The melody line used for the figures is different from that used in the minor figures. The music is bright and features several wind instruments (tuba, trumpet and piccolo) as well as an accordion and piano.

HEADS PROMENADE HALFWAY - HEADS SQUARE THRU - SWING THRU - MEN RUN - COUPLES CIRCULATE - CHAIN DOWN THE LINE - SUARE THRU THREE-QUARTERS - SWING CORNER & PROMENADE

• Jump (For My Love)

Mountain 135 / Mark Clausing & Cindy Whitaker

More disco-style music has hit the market. This was a popular song in the 70's (from memory). Three melody lines are used at various places on the record. The music is very rhythmical and has a synthetic sound which is rather reminiscent of the popular band music from the era.

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

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4. You're So Warm & Tender	
	Snow 801
5. My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You	
	Global 310

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2. I'll Always Be Here	Aussie Tempos 1028
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JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE RR-244 / Wade Driver / Mainstream

The first NEW release from Rhythm Records in many years, and it proves that the *old master* has not lost his touch to producing a first class record. Instrumental is easily recognisable as a *Rhythm* production. The record may not be everybody's cup of tea, but you should put it on your "to consider" list. The minor figure features Grand Square, which allows good use of the original lyrics, while the major figure is a standard *Rhythm* routine (which is easy and flows well). Wade's vocal is well recorded and easy to listen to. #38 on our Sep/Oct 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Prom. ½, Sq. Thru, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Ferris Wheel, Square Thru ¾, Corner Swing, Prom.

FROM A JACK TO A KING DM-108 / Bill Bouknight / Mainstream

According to my records, this tune has been done as a Square twice in the past. However, if you don't already have one of the earlier releases, this one may be worth considering. Instrumentation has good melody lead, and is easy to call. It's a tune that most Dancers will instantly recognise, and sing-a-long with. Minor figure uses Grand Square to allow use of the original pop lyrics. Major figure is standard and well tested.

#17 on our Sep/Oct 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Sq. Thru, Swing Thru, Spin The Top, R & L Thru, Sq. Thru ¾, Corner Swing, Prom.

RAINING IN MY HEART DU-108 / Les Tulloch / Mainstream

This is another great release on Down Under, from the Aussie Tempos stable. It's Les' first release, and he's done a very acceptable job. The music is recorded in 2/4 and 4/4 time, which provides a nice change of rhythm that is very nice to dance to. Once again, the minor figure uses Grand Square to allow good singers an opportunity to show off. The major figure is easy, straightforward, has good body flow and interesting.

#23 on our Sep/Oct 2002 catalogue tape.

FIGURE: Heads Sq. Thru, Do-Sa-Do, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Tag The Line, Face Right, Wheel & Deal, Touch 1/4, Scootback, Corner Swing, Prom.

PRIVATE MALONE RM-2013/Jeff Holley / Mainstream

Not a tune that was known to the reviewer, but is instantly appealing. The lyrics tell a story about an old Chevy, previously owned by a soldier (Private Malone). Jeff does the vocal beautifully - both in the calling of the choreography, and story telling. Instrumental has a smooth, steady beat, and is interesting, in that the minor figures are 64 beats, but the major figures are 58 & 59 beats. As long as you are aware of this *variation from the norm* it should not pose any problems. Minor fig. features Grand Square to allow maximum use of the original lyrics.

FIGURE: Heads Prom ½, Square Thru, R&L Thru, Pass Thru, Trade By, Slide Thru, Square Thru ¾, Corner Swing, Prom.