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# EDITORIAL

From Bill Boyd



For my New Years resolution I will try to find common ground between several of the different square dance factions. Years ago in Florida we had a rift between Cloggers and Square Dancers. As a result Cloggers no longer are a part of the Florida State Square Dance Convention. Why bring this up? Because I love to dance. Why bring this up? Because I fear that our internal bickering about the time and complexity of our dances is going overboard.

At a Mainstream dance with a guest caller I polled several of the dancers and asked if they had a good time. The answer was an overwhelming YES. Why did I ask? Because the guest caller using Basic calls moved people into very unusual formations and had them dancing in and out of these positions using basic and directional calls. Some of the formations included Galaxy Formations, Hour Glass Formations, three and one lines and more. The caller had people dancing, laughing, and most of all having fun.

We at American Square Dance magazine receive letters saying that modern square dancing is too difficult and too complex to learn. We also get letters from dancers who say that they are getting bored with square dancing, as it no longer represents a challenge.

We are at a crossroad, Callerlab, ACA, and especially individual callers; we seem to look for differences. We need to look for agreements.

First, we must remember that Square Dancing is "friendship set to music."

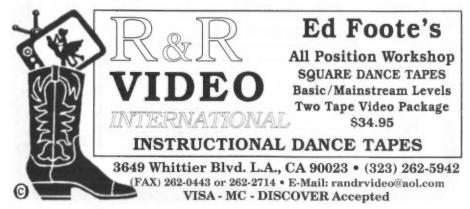
Second, we must remember that Square Dancing is a recreation, it is meant to be FUN. Third, Callers are professional entertainers; make sure that you entertain your dancers.

My hope for the New Year is that we start with these three principals and build on them.

My hope for the New Year is that our positive enthusiasm will make a difference in bringing in new dancers.

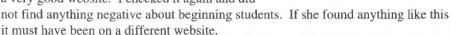
My hope for the New Year is that we all relearn to have fun.

My New Years prayer is that we find agreements ensure happiness and dance for FUN.

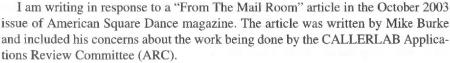


# FROM THE MAIL ROOM

I read the November From The Mail Room and was very disturbed at the reference to "asquared.org". I have always found this to be a very good website. I checked it again and did



Jim Cholmondelev



In his article Mike says "CALLERLAB, in my opinion, has encouraged more and more complicated formations, figures, and applications over the years." While this may have been true at one time, it simply is not the case now nor has it been for the past few years. During the past three - four years CALLERLAB has been providing more emphasis on less complicated choreography including Square Dance Parties (also known as "Fun Nights") and other avenues to bring fun dancing to dancers. Part of this emphasis is seen in the "Beginner Party Leader Seminars" conducted immediately prior to the CALLERLAB conventions. It is also evident in the CALLERLAB convention themes and interest sessions over the past few years. The theme for the 2004 CALLERLAB convention next April in Reno, Nevada is "Realize Every New Opportunity." These "New Opportunities" are primarily in the area of recruiting and retaining new dancers. One of the ways to do both is through the use of less complex choreography.



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I would also like to point out that many of the interest sessions at the CALLER-LAB conventions are devoted to improving dancer enjoyment by increasing the use of smooth flowing choreography which provides dancers a sense of accomplishment. These sessions include: the Use of Music, Smoothness, Choreographic Management for Smoothness, and others. We believe the CALLERLAB convention is a wonderful opportunity for callers to attend these training and interest sessions conducted by some of the best in the business.

The article also misses the point and primary function of the ARC. The committee is tasked to review requests from dancers or callers concerning the use of the calls. Many of the requests reviewed by the committee result in recommendations that certain applications NOT be used. One of the goals of the committee is to help improve the use or application of the calls in such a way that the dancers will be able to better enjoy the dance.

We must all recognize that this wonderful activity is filled with dancers with a wide variety of interests. These interests range from a desire for non-complex smooth flowing choreography all the time to dancers who want to be challenged to the limits (and beyond) of their dancing abilities. One of the goals of any square dance related organization should be to try to provide the means to meet all these varied needs. CALLERLAB believes the current CALLERLAB structure of dance programs (Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge) is the best way to meet these very different needs.

CALLERLAB agrees with the intent of Mike's statement that dancers "WANT TO DANCE!" We also agree that a majority of dancers want to succeed while dancing. We also recognize that there are dancers and callers who wish to stretch the limits as much as possible. The goal of the ARC is help in meeting both of these desires.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. For more information or comments please contact CALLERLAB@aol.com

Jerry Reed, Executive Director CALLERLAB

# Happy New Year!

# SQUARE-UP

From

John & Linda Saunders



### New Year's Resolution And Do You Have Great Expectations For 2004

Do you, as a square dancer participating in the activity, have any expectations for the coming year? Are you making any new resolutions concerning the positive aspects you receive from the activity? We are in a continuing era where the activity is declining in number and clubs are folding due to lack of new dancers. There are many that predict we will not have our activity around for many more years.

Yet, there are those who think this is the time for dreams and hopes. This is a time to make resolutions for change, a time to plan actions to reach goals. What do you expect to happen to the activity in 2004? Are you one of those dancers or callers that would worry about the economy, war, gas prices, dance fees increasing? Well, at some time or other we mull over the problems of the world, but does it do any good? Worry is another word for negative expectations. What happens is going to, so don't worry. Being positive about your resolutions and having expectations that will exceed all others and we will still have a great activity to pass on to future generations.

The following article was published in The American Square Dance magazine in January 1982 and was taken from the Cathedral Chimes in New Zealand and it's worth printing again for all dancers to appreciate.

"Take 12 fine full grown months. See that these are thoroughly clean and free from old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy: clean them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and bitterness, in short, see that these months are freed from all of the past, have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of time.



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Cut these months into 28, 30 or 31 equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time. (so many persons spoil the whole lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:



Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), 8 parts of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of liberality, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of a salad - don't do it), 3 of prayer, 2 of meditation, and 1 well selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sparkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole, love and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles, a spring and a sprig of joy, then serve with quietness, unselfishness, cheerfulness and a happy new year is a certainty.

Our addition to this would be a Hug each and every day with your partner, your corner and ask a stranger if they knows what square dancing has to offer them. If you subscribe to American Squares, make sure your corner does also. Let's all work to get the word out about our activity and what we're doing in the activity around the world."

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#### My Next Broken Heart (OP 0033CD)

Rick Hassell

Country piano with strings and percussion, easy to follow melody. Recorded in 2 keys. Available on MP3. Hds (Sds) Square Thru, DoSaDo, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Ferris Wheel, Pass Thru, Star Thru, Square Thru 3, Swing Corner, Promenade.

#### CD Hoedowns

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A lot of good music this month. Check it out on your tape service. Until next month, have FUN around the squares.

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# ACA VIEWPOINT

By Henry Israel, President



# Back to the Future into the New Millennium With Optimism and Confidence

It is with the greatest of enthusiasm and optimism on behalf of the Executive Board of the American Callers Association that I would like to wish all square dancers and callers a very happy and prosperous 2004.

ACA was formed over thirteen years ago with a firm belief, supported by statistical data, that square dancers, clubs, associations and callers are under too much stress as they attempt to recruit, teach and dance too many movements with too much teaching. The fun and friendship level was at an all time low as was recruiting new dancers, retaining current dancers and retrieving former dancers. In fact, square dancing is and was in nothing short of a crisis situation. ACA's answer was and is to simplify the square dancing program.

Throughout the past ten years ACA has continued to grow steadily and quickly and find a respected place in square dancing. The ACA philosophy was "Offering More Fun and Friendship by Reducing Stress on the Dancers." Another way it could be said is the anachronism "KISS" – "Keep it Sweet and Simple." This does not mean to return to the 1950s square dancing world. This means to continue to communicate with the square dance market to ask the dancers and callers what they prefer, unlike the past 15 to 20 years where dancer and club feed back was all but non-existent.

In the January 2002 ACA Viewpoints, President Gary Shoemake wrote that "Callers and Dancers Must Stand Side by Side To Find a Way to Save Square Dancing." Recent data have shown that the number of square dancers has decreased by 78% since our high periods in the 1970s. In fact, the numbers of square dancers are decreasing by 11% per year. What does this tell us? Square dancing's continued existence is in nothing short of crisis despite the fact that square dancing can be the most fun-filled and rewarding activity in the country.

In an attempt to do what Gary Shoemake urged, the American Callers' Association is participating along with Callers, Cuers, Dancers and Festival organizations throughout the world of square dancing in order to reverse the steep decline in square dancing. ACA is proud to have participated for the past eighteen months with these groups who have been meeting and are forming an organization called the ARTS Alliance to provide a forum to work together to revitalize square dancing.

The ARTS Alliance concept was a byproduct of the Callerlab Phoenix Plan which was a study to determine why square dancing was declining in the numbers of dancers. The Phoenix Plan demonstrated that the decline was from changing life

styles of groups like the Baby Boomers and Generations X and Y, rural image of square dancers, complicated entry program into square dancing and the lack of a sponsor. Formation meetings of the ARTS Alliance were held in 2002 in Washington, D.C., Oklahoma City and Orlando, Florida in October 2003.

The ARTS Alliance mission is to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round, and Traditional Folk dancing by encouraging and assisting in a coalition of allied dance groups. The ARTS Alliance will provide leadership and resources necessary to create an

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achievable marketing program. The ARTS Alliance will encourage, promote, and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events that provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interactions.

#### What is the ARTS Alliance supposed to accomplish?

- Develop plans to attract and gain a corporate sponsorship to market square dancing to the non square dancing public.
- Develop plans to attract and enhance the image of square dancing to one of fun, friendship and fellowship with exceptional health and social benefits.
- Seek and gain the assistance of professional fund raising companies to support the ARTS objectives.
- Function as a lobbyist with governmental and non-profit organizations.
- Conduct marketing research, develop and conduct presentations to solicit corporate, institutional, and governmental assistance.
- Function as a spokesperson for "Activity-wide" public relations and advertising programs.
- Focus on solution to problems common to all member groups.
- Create a necessary image of unity that helps attract external support.
- Limit itself to a few main issues not to the individual agendas of its members.

The ARTS Alliance objectives are ambitious, critical and difficult to accomplish. The coming together of all the groups can make it happen. ACA is optimistic that in the long run, the ARTS Alliance leaders can effect a reversal in the decline of square dancing and views an optimistic future for square dancing. In support of the ARTS Alliance, ACA, through its newsletter has urged its member callers to host fund raiser dances to help support the ARTS Alliance Initiatives.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject or communicate their success story in recruiting is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at Loulet@aol.com or Dr. Patrick Demerath at demerath@tsum.edu.

A happy and prosperous 2004 to all.

# EASY LEVEL

## From Bob Howell



I'm going to start the new year off with a line dance choreographed by one of our neighbors from the north. Andy Pennock of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada offers this quick-teach routine which was featured in a book entitled "Dancing For Fun". He calls his dance the –

#### FOOT BOOGIE LINE DANCE

Formation: Solo, all facing the head of the hall. One wall dance. All start on the left foot.

Music: "Pop Muzik" Robin Scott Sire SRE 49033

Routine: Beats:

- 1-4 1 Basic Left Step LF to L side, close RF to LF, step LF to L side, touch RF to LF:
- 5-8 2 Side Close Right Step RF to R side, close LF to RF, Repeat;
- 9-24 Foot Boogie Sequence:

2 Left Toe Fan

Move only L toe to L, and return, Repeat

2 Right Toe Fan

Repeat opposite foot

2 Left Heel Fan

Move only L heel to L, and return, Repeat;

2 Right Heel Fan

Repeat opposite foot:

25-28 Fan Both Toes

Move both toes outward.

Fan Both Heels

Move both heels outward

Return Both Heels

Return both heels inward.

Return Both Toes

Return both toes inward;

29-32 Repeat #4

Note. This dance can be done standing or sitting in a chair.

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Ken Kernan of Albuquerque, NM wrote a slick little trio dance that appears in the book, "Dancing for Busy People". He named it - - -

#### Tres

Formation: Lines of three dancers facing lines of three dancers in a wagon spoke formation around the hall.

Record: TNT 189 "If I Were A Rich Man"

Routine:

**Prompts:** Intra - - - -, All six Circle Left once around

1-8 - - - -, - - - -

9-16 - - - , - - Ends DoSaDo

17-24 - - - , - - Centers DoSaDo

25-32 - - - -, Centers face right & DoSaDo

33-40 - - - , Centers face left & DoSaDo

41-48 - - - -, - - Forward & Back

49-56 - - - - Pass Thru to a new three

57-64 - - - , All six Circle Left once around

#### **Description:**

- 1-16 The six people in the two lines of three join hands and Circle Left once around.
- 17-24 The end four people in each line of three DoSaDo the facing person in the opposite line.
- 25-32 The center people in each line DoSaDo the center person in the opposite line.
- 33-40 The center people face to the right and DoSaDo the right end person in their own line.
- 41-48 The center people face to the left and DoSaDo the left end person in their own line.
- 49-56 Lines of three walk Forward & Back.
- 57-64 Pass Thru the facing line of three and move onto a new line of three.



Calvin Campbell, another author of the book, "Dancing For Busy People", featured the following square dance break, which fits a singing call to the "T". I termed it –

#### Cal's Break

1 & 3 bow & swing
Forward & Back
Pass thru & both turn left
Single file (promenade) round 1 into the middle
Pass thru & split the outside two
Both turn right single file (promenade) around 1
Star right in the middle
Corner left hand around (arm turn)
Partner DoSaDo
Promenade corner home.

Wayne Nicholson of Montgomery, AL sent me a dance that I had forgotten. Following is the dance with which he jogged my memory. It was a real hit at the Harvest Ball sponsored by Auggie and Miriam Simmons and the Party Line Extension Dancers in Columbus, Ohio last October. It is a beautiful simple contra both from the aspect of lovely flowing movements and charming music. It is called the –

#### Westphalia Waltz

**Formation:** Sicilian double circle, facing your partner across from you. (A duple minor danced in a circular formation.)

Music: Westphalia Waltz. Or any other lovely piece of slow waltz music.

#### Routine:

A1 Chainsaw circle left 4 waltz steps & circle right 4 waltz steps

Each circle moves left (moving away from partner) and then right to again face partner.

A2 Face partner and dosado partner. (4 waltz steps)

Lady on the right two-hand swing (4 waltz steps)

B1 Each four circle left (4 waltz steps)

Same four left hand star (4 waltz steps)

B2 With the lady in front, half promenade (4 waltz steps)

Pass thru & turn away. (4 waltz steps)

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# LEADERSHIP NOTES

## From Bernie Coulthurst Editor Of Club Leadership Journal



Everyone heard that LOCATION, LOCATION & LOCATION are the three most important factors in real estate. The same can also be said about square dancing. Clubs need a great place to hold their club dances. Joan Hepp, President of the Swingin' Singles Squares in Milwaukee, Wisconsin reported that her club changed the location of their club dances to a better hall and their dancer attendance has increased tremendously. The first dance had 122 dancers and the second dance had 131 dancers!

If your dance hall is not great you may wish to consider changing location. Your dance hall is a very important factor when dancers consider coming to your club dances. Your hall is even more important than who is calling or cueing. Even great callers sound terrible in a hall with poor sound qualities. Having a poor quality hall for your club dances is a one way ticket to the demise of your club. You might say, "We can't find a hall in our area." My answer is: "Try harder". If you can't find a good hall to hold your dances, please call or email us. We can probably give you some hints as to how to find a better hall.

In last month's column we mentioned Sharon Albright's ticket system to get critical information about her club's prospects. She bought "ticket" stock from IDEA ART, PO Box 291505, Nashville, TN 37229-1505. Solid color ticket stock (enough for 500 tickets) sells for only \$34.10+shipping and handling charges. Their website address is: www.ideaart.com. Their telephone number is 1.800.433.2278. We suggest you request their catalog. It contains other marketing ideas such as table tent cards. By the way, Sharon' club has 18 new dancers in their current new dancer group with 75% of the new dancers being recruited by last year's new dancers.

The Central Iowa Federation held its Fall Area dance during the Labor Day Weekend. 118 dancers enjoyed the calling of Monty Hackler, the Oklahoma Singing Cowboy, and the cueing of John Young. And who says square dancing is not getting better? At this same dance they honored Iowa's oldest square dancer, Cecile Ligouri. She was 100 years young on September 11, 2003! Happy Belated Birthday, Cecile and we wish you will have many more years of square dancing. She was presented with a very large Birthday card with 118 signatures.

While we are writing about happenings in Iowa, we wish to congratulate Tom and Ella Manning, Editors of the reactivated *Iowa Square and Round Dance News* magazine. They are doing a great job. Each issue has lots of Iowa square and round dancing news. Iowa's State Square and Round Dance Convention will be held March 19 & 20, 2004 in Ames, IA. We have attended many of Iowa's State conventions and we always had a great time. For more information about the Iowa convention you can email Dave and Emma Riley at emmar2004@yahoo.com or call 712-256-4584. Why

not consider ending the winter blahs and welcoming Spring by going to the Iowa State Square and Round Dance Convention. You will be glad you did.

Pierre & Judy Hoover, Mountain Home, Arkansas, sent me a letter in September 2003. They attended both of my *Recruiting & Retaining New Dancers* Education Seminars at the 2003 Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention last August. They told me about their Century Club Membership activities. They have 778 caller signatures in their Century Book and they have a goal of 1000 caller signatures. Can you imagine dancing to the calling of over 700 different callers? She commented about the Wisconsin conventions are run - everyone is friendly and the callers talk to you." Congratulations, Pierre and Judy and we hope you reach your goal of 1000 callers. Maybe more dancers should participate in the Century Club program?

We know of a square and round dance club that has an annual amateur guest caller and cuer night. This practice gives an opportunity to wanna-be callers and cuers to try calling or cueing. As a result of this annual event, several new callers and cuers started their careers in the calling or cueing business. It is an idea that works and more clubs should give this idea a whirl.

Many areas and some clubs have "Half Way" dances for their new dancers in their new dancer programs. This is a great idea and clubs and areas around the country should have a similar system to expose the new dancers to a real dance designed just for them. It is another idea that works.

It appears that some clubs are not making sure that their hired caller and/or cuer have current licenses with BMI and ASCAP.

In the November-December, 2003 Michiganer issue, the Michigan Council said, "It has been brought to our attention that is very important for clubs to make sure the callers and cuers they hire have a current license with BMI & ASCAP. You should verify this license at each dance night. We have become aware of a club being fined thousands of dollars for holding a dance with unlicensed callers. It is not the club's responsibility to have a license, but the club will be fined if they hire unlicensed callers."

We will try to get more details about this club that got fined by BMI and ASCAP and report back in a future column. Our advice to club leaders is - DON'T RISK IT - CHECK THEIR LICENSE AT EACH DANCE. IF THE LICENSE IS NOT CURRENT, CANCEL THE DANCE IMMEDIATELY.

If you are not familiar with BMI and ASCAP, please get more details from your province or state callers association.

Our congratulations go to the GERMAN RUSSIAN SQUARE DANCE FRIENDS Square Dance Club which was founded in August 2003. They have 16 dancers in Petrozavodsk, Karelia according to the News from Russia article in the EAASDC Bulletin November 2003 issue. They are planning to travel to Russia in May 2004. For more information, please email E.Walz@gmx.de or call 0049-7905-1099.

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Our biggest problem in square dancing is poor new dancer retention. It appears that only the new "die-hards" make the transition from new dancer dances to club dances. As a first step to improve your club's new dancer retention rate, we suggest you start keeping records of the attendance of your new dancers. It may also be wise to call your new dancers just before each dance to encourage them to come out and have a good time. New dancers are VIPs and they should get more TLC than we are presently giving them. Since it is January 2004 why not make a club new year's resolution to retain more new dancers.

Till next time, happy dancing!

#### Rancho Baldus - Fun Dances 2003

Been having dancing - once a month - on third Fridays - all summer long May - right thru the month of September. Our numbers - been running strong.

With help from all the local callers' - we call this an "open mike dance" They all get to call - a tip or two - anyone who wants - gets a chance.

I start it out with a couple of songs - cause I like to "sing songs" the best Patter calls - just don't fit my style - stuff like that I leave up to the rest.

Next up was "Johnny" - don't you see - he does patter - a style - all his own Not too bad on singing songs - either - he'll keep you dancing all night long.

In between tips - its - "Lois or Bob" - doing rounds - which they do best Calling out the moves - one by one - you listen - let your feet do the rest.

Now we have "Jay" - to do his thing - at calling patter - he can't be beat He does great on singing calls - too - when he starts, better move your feet.

Next up - "Carol" - a really cool gal - with a voice that's - loud and clear Easy to dance to and right on the ball - ready to call anytime - far or near.

Then there's "Dave" - my right hand man - his calling I convinced him to return to Patter and singing - he's never forgot -without his help - I'm sure - I'd be through.

Last but not least - "Dick" comes along - to add some color to the whole affair Does cute songs - he's great at that - and his patters are good - always there.

We can't forget callers "Charlie" and "Bob" - they aren't calling - that is - as of now But maybe someday - in the - "future" - with luck - they will return - somehow **By Gordie Baldus** 



Excuse me, pardon me, coming through, out of the way!

#### **Philippine Square Dancing News**

Andy & Wing Benigno, Manila, Philippines (reprinted from Zone 8 Newsletter)

Our country, the Philippines, located in Southeast Asia has 80 million people spread over 7000 islands with a total land area of three quarters of the size of California and has over 50 languages, this is splendid and impressive. Considering the number of people in the Philippines, only about one hundred are square dancers. Only six squares are active, and half of this is plus level. This is not significant by any standard. Small as we are, square dancing is very much alive in the Philippines. We have dedicated and committed dancers enjoying the benefits of square dancing.

Since the revival of square dancing in Manila 14 years ago, the most number of active dancers was six squares; almost all are plus level. That was the time when the focus was family participation. But just like almost all over the world, there are ups and downs. For our case our children who formed three squares then have finished their college or university program in education, some of them with Doctorate degrees are now working professionals. Some already have their own families. Consequently, they are now less active. The parents were left as the active ones. Two years ago we, the diehards who consider square dancing as the most worthwhile dancing activity focused on friendship, embarked on "Husband & Wife recruitment program." Since then we added three squares. Some even had the opportunity to join us in Anaheim 2001 Convention. We were 21 who attended that memorable activity, the biggest delegation we ever had. This may remain a record for a long time for us.

We regularly dance ten times a month, six of it is real fun dancing in full square dance attire, four in casual wear for lessons. We are proud to say we produce dancers good enough to dance and enjoy the fruits of a good dancer, up to the Plus level.

As additional information, the Philippines being a tropical country, we have two seasons, dry and rainy. To be more descriptive, hot-dry and hot-wet. Rainy season normally covers June to September, while dry season is from March to May. While dancing is year round, the best time for visiting friends to be in Manila is December to February, not in the summer, which is hot and humid. To square dancers who have plans to be in Asia, we invite you to include the Philippines as a destination and enjoy our hospitality and friendship. Those who have done so in the past have had no regrets, and we enjoyed every minute of dancing and socializing with them.

By the way, ever since the revival of square dance 14 years ago, we relied only on tapes and records. Live calling is still a dream for our group. When we will have our own caller is still a million dollar question. As an added request, if any caller happens to be in this part of the world on vacation, it would be nice to include Manila as a destination. Share with us the joy by way of a gift to the members of the Manila Hoedowners, the enjoyment of dancing to live calling. That would be great!! Drop us a letter or e-mail ahead of time so we can prepare for a special activity for your visit. Our Club is listed in the National and International Square Dance Directory under Far East and Pacific Islands Section. Listed name is LEE and contact number 810-7945. We can also be reached through e-mail at andybenigno@pacific.net.ph and contact number 823-0464. This active status of square dancing is all because of PETER and MERCY LEE. Because of their love of this activity and their belief that it should not die, they have continuously supported every activity of the club, most specifically but not limited to the financial aspect. They are the pillars of the Philippine square dancing.

# REATIV

## From Lee & Steve Kopman



We hope everyone had a healthy, happy New Year. Let's start 2004 off with a potpourri of Plus choreo.

- 1) HEADS pass thru separate around 1 to a line touch 1/4 circulate. trade and roll load the boat star thru couples circulate 1/2 tag girls trade pass the ocean scoot back right and left grand
- 2) SIDES pass the ocean extend relay the deucey spin the top turn thru courtesy turn dixie style to a wave circulate, left allemande

- 3) SIDES lead right right and left thru dixie style to a wave boys trade GRAND swing thru recycle slide thru trade by, left allemande
- 4) Heads 1P2P pass the ocean spin chain and exchange the gears fan the top GRAND swing thru turn thru tag the line, face in touch 1/4 circulate boys u turn back right and left grand

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- 5) SIDES lead right
  pass the ocean
  GRAND swing thru
  spin the top
  linear cycle & roll
  coordinate
  ferris wheel
  CENTERS sweep 1/4 & slide thru
  pass to the center, outsides roll
  right and left grand
- 6) HEADS square thru 4
  touch 1/4
  follow your neighbor
  trade the wave and roll
  double pass thru
  peel off
  slide thru
  { EACH SIDE } Those facing
  START right and left thru
  left allemande
- 7) SIDES right and left thru & lead left veer right boys trade wheel around chain down the line dixie style to a wave trade the wave LEFT swing thru right and left grand
- 8) HEADS pass the ocean
  ping pong circulate OUTSIDES
  roll
  flip the diamond
  ENDS: circulate Centers chase
  right
  1/2 tag
  acey deucey
  spin chain thru
  right and left grand
- HEADS square thru 3
   separate around 2 to a line
   slide thru
   trade by
   relay the deucey

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scoot back relay the deucey extend, right and left grand

- 10) Heads 1P2P
  touch 1/4
  coordinate
  couples circulate
  GIRLS hinge
  diamond circulate
  BOYS swing thru
  diamond circulate
  flip the diamond
  boys trade
  right and left grand
- 11) HEADS star thru and spread ENDS: load the boat Centers pass the ocean CENTERS swing thru extend swing thru hinge right and left grand
- 12) SIDES touch 1/4
  girls pass thru
  CENTERS fan the top
  ENDS hinge
  { EACH WAVE } fan the top
  spin the top
  linear cycle
  box the gnat
  square thru on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hand, right
  and left grand
- 13) SIDES pass thru separate around 2 to a line

box the gnat
fan the top
spin the top
turn thru
tag the line, face right
ferris wheel
CENTERS LEFT turn thru
touch 1/4
follow your neighbor
left swing thru 1 1/2
left allemande

- 14) SIDES lead right
  pass the ocean
  cast off 3/4
  coordinate
  3/4 tag
  If you're looking out cloverleaf,
  Centers spin the top
  extend
  split circulate 1 1/2
  flip the diamond
  right and left grand
- 15) SIDES star thru
  double pass thru
  track 2
  swing thru
  girls fold
  peel the top
  explode the wave
  trade by
  pass to the center
  CENTERS square thru 2 &
  partner trade
  at home



Happy New Year! from all your friends at American Square Dance



#### The Wal-Mart Dance

On Friday, Sept. 19th, Brecksville Squares' dance theme was "Wal-Mart Grand Opening", acknowledging caller Tom Roper's special interest in Wal-Mart. Twenty squares of dancers were treated to Tom's energetic styling and humor. The décor included Wal-Mart signs, posters, buttons, balloons, all furnished thanks to a local Wal-Mart store. The Treasurer's wore official Wal-Mart "Head Cashier" vests while the greeters wore the traditional blue vests. Four couples of Brecksville Squares dancers wore matching outfits specially made for this dance. The women wore an overskirt made from official Wal-Mart material with matching ties for the guys. All four couples wore T-shirts with the words "I Love Wal-Mart" on the front.

Roper, a traveling caller from Omaha, Illinois, has made it his mission to collect store receipts from every Wal-Mart in the US. So far, he has accumulated receipts from 760 of the possible 2886 stores. An ambitious project indeed! If you would

like to help Tom achieve his goal, please bring your Wal-Mart receipts to any Brecksville dance. Jan Waryk will present the receipts to Tom when he returns in September of 2004. If you live in other parts of the country and would like to help Tom you can mail your receipts to Jan at 9985 Prospect Rd., Strongsville Ohio 44149.



### **Square Dancers Wanted**

Beginning in November 2003 square dance clubs across the USA will gear up for a national campaign designed to increase the awareness of the benefits of square dancing. The campaign is known as SQUARE4LIFE, and has already proven successful in motivating existing members and generating new members for the clubs that have participated. You and your square dance club are invited to learn more about this project that is free to all square dancers.

SQUARE4LIFE is a wellness initiative designed by square dancers who understand that as we grow older it becomes more and more important to regularly take part in a low impact, high aerobic workout. We all know that square dancing is good for you. SQUARE4LIFE is a program that builds from that simple truth and works to retain and increase square dance membership.

As mentioned SQUARE4LIFE is free to any and all square dancers and clubs. To find out more about this exciting national project visit www.feenerty.com/square4life/square4life.html.

Inquiries may be addressed to SQUARE4LIFE director Angela Feenerty via email at square4life@feenerty.com.

With warm regards,

#### Angela Feenerty

# THE KOREO KORNER

## From Steve Kopman

Let's continue the theme of potpourri only using A2 calls. Enjoy!

1)HEADS pass the sea extend LEFT swing and mix switch the wave mini busy extend circulate 1 & 1/2 right and left grand

2)SIDES wheel thru pass the sea triple trade recycle dixie style to a wave mix trade circulate recycle double star thru right and left grand

3)HEADS pass the ocean chain reaction switch to a diamond diamond circulate 6X2 acey deucey cut the diamond mini busy Extend Two Times spin the windmill outsides left LEFT swing and mix right and left grand

4)SIDES pass thru separate around 1 to a line touch 1/4

checkmate crossover circulate turn and deal pass and roll 1/4 thru recycle CENTERS 1/4 in at home

5)HEADS double star thru separate around 1 to a line pass the sea trade circulate lockit GRAND swing thru single wheel and roll peel and trail switch the wave and roll girls cross trail thru touch 1/4 right and left grand

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# NOTES IN A NUTSHELL

## A Review by Frank Lescrinier



#### **CALLER'S NOTES**

Norm Wilcox (norm.wilcox@sympatico.ca)

In last month's 'Adding Creativity To Your Choreography' article, Norm discussed some general principles of programming. This month he gets into the application of these principles. One concept that has become apparent in recent years is the concept of "Micro-programming." This is where the caller makes hundreds of "programming" decisions during each tip.

Degree of Difficulty determines a large portion of the programming decisions a caller makes. The items that make a routine more difficult could be: unknown call; an infrequently used call; a known call from an unfamiliar formation; a known call from an unfamiliar arrangement; requiring the dancers to remember too much; asking the dancers to keep track of too much; dancer anticipation; smooth dancing, or lack of it; thwarting what the dancers feel is "right"; any combination of the above items.

In the Basics and Mainstream programs, the following calls and sequences are featured: Ferris Wheel (from Left-Hand and non-standard Set-ups; and Slide Thru, continued from last month's notes, along with choreo dancing the Mainstream Program. For the Plus Program, Follow Your Neighbor – along with choreo dancing Follow Your Neighbor – is shown. For those calling Advanced, there is information on the following calls: Quarter In and Quarter Out; and Mini-Busy. Also included is some choreo with Mini-Busy included.

#### **CHOREO-WISE**

#### David Cox

This month's issue contains more of the 'Texas-Style' routines. Also included are



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several different ways to call (cue) an old, but popular call from the past: Red Hot.

At the Basics program, several different methods are shown where you can use the call Flutterwheel after turning a Star. These routines are very smooth, and different, but not difficult. The Mainstream emphasis this month is using the Run and Cross Run family of calls.

This issue examines the call Ping Pong Circulate on the Plus program. Also included are some singing call figures using Ping Pong Circulate.

The material in the Advanced program includes the call "Pair Off." Besides being useful for going from a static square to a Zero Box, it also has some nice choreographic uses from formations other than a Squared Set.

For those callers that have called a call, and then wish they hadn't, some "Un" Modules are given to get you back to where you were before you called the call.

The Feature Concept this month is the 'Leader/Trailer' relationship. Although Leaders and Trailers are not really taught at the Basic and Mainstream programs, it can be very useful in trying to explain certain calls.

Both Steve Turner and Brian Hotchkies share their record reviews of the recently released records. Steve's email is: turnertempos@bigpond.com

### **JOHN'S NOTES**

#### John Saunders (johnnysa@aol.com)

It's good to hear reports of new dancer lessons success stories. John includes a record review and things of interest section. There are several singing call figures listed that are used in the new songs.

In the DANCING CONTRA section, by Don Ward, Don begins the first of two articles for those wanting to learn to call a contra. Anyone interested in receiving more information can contact Don at: dward@loop.com.

A couple of Workshop ideas are included this month. The calls are Chase the Clover, and Cringe. Chase the Clover is appropriate for Plus dancers, and Cringe can be used with Mainstream dancers.

The Basic Program call featured is U-Turn Back. This is a very versatile call, and

should be called more often from various formations. Eight Chain Thru is the highlighted call at the Mainstream Program. This month for the Plus Program John explores the call Grand Swing Thru.

The Advanced and Challenge Supplement includes: Cast a Shadow; Single Wheel; and the Phantom Concept/Formation.

If you publish a note service and would like it reviewed in future issues of this magazine, please send them to: 9836 E. Foothill Blvd. #6108, Upland, CA 91786. I will be glad to include your notes in future reviews.

Thanks, Frank.

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Take a at what is just released...

#### Rainbows Are Back In Style

Phase III -2 Step - Reprise 0780 or Roxio CD - Artist: Dean Martin, Les Houser & Friends

Nice music to a basic 2 step that has a fishtail, strolling vine and figure 8. Nicely written routine.

#### She's Ready For Someone To Love Her

Phase III+1(Flirt) +1 Unphased (Twist It) - Cha Cha - M Records MM117CD by Carl Kaye - Penny Lewis and Bob Heur

Choreography a little different on this routine. It has a twist it left with a shoulder to shoulder, and then mirrors that figure. Flirt, traveling doors, sand step are other figures included in this dance.

#### No News

2 Step - Phase II+2 (Susie Q & Lariat) - DARR 508 by the Carolina Boys - Nell and Jerry Knight

Basic 2 step, with Susie Q, front limp, wrap and unwrap sequence.

#### No News Jive

Phase IV - Jive - Same record as listed above and same choreographers as above. Nice catchy jive. Has Spanish arm, ch. Hds ben. Back, sh. shove. Windmill, point steps, pretzel turn. Nice basic Phase IV routine.

#### Pick Me Up

Phase II+2 (Fishtail & Str. Vine) - DARR CD 506 - Artist: Carolina boys - Fran & Jim Kropf

Basic 2 step with a reverse box and traveling door and fishtail.

#### **Early Morning**

Phase III - 2 Step - DARR CD 505 -Artist: Carolina Boys - Fran & Jim Kropf Basic 2 step can be danced on cues. Opus One - Phase III - TS/Slow Swing - Prarie

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Records PR 905 - Artist: Kelly Bryarly - Carl & Carol Schappacher Music and choreography blend to make a very nice routine. Ch. Places, prog. scis., whaletail, wrap and unwrap sequence. Very useable and a delight to dance.

#### One Waltz With You

Phase II+1 (hover) - Waltz - Roper 404 f/w The Shadows of Paris - Bob Paul! Good music and a nice basic waltz that can be danced on cues.

#### Promise Me

Phase VI - Rumba - STAR 193 - Hank & Judy Scherrer

Good music to a nice Phase VI routine. Curl, switch rock, rope spin, Adv. sliding door, overturned alemana. Cross over break, neck drape. Good music accompanies this routine.

#### **Five Foot Two**

Phase II - 2 Step - Grenn 14152 - Ron & Georgine Woolcock
Basic 2 step that can be danced on cues.

#### Sing

Phase II+1 (Fishtail) - 2 Step - A&M 8566 The Carpenters - Mike Seuer Traveling box, reverse box, fishtail, strut 4. nice music.

#### I'd Love To Live In Loveland

Phase II+2 (Spin Turn & Hover) - Waltz - MGR 031 - Nancy & DeWayne Baldwin Basic waltz can be done on cues. Ending is dip, twist and kiss.

#### **Beyond The Blue**

Phase II+2 (Fishtail & Side Stairs) - 2 Step - Hi Hat 962 - Nancy & DeWayne Baldwin Scott

Side stairs 8, fishtail, basketball turn are included in this basic 2 step.

#### **Reet Petite**

Phase II+1 (Rock The Boat) - 2 Step - STAR 117B - Eldon & Dixie Hager Quick vine 8, Charleston points, left turning box, and rock the boat are some of the figures in this dance.

#### Something In My Heart

Phase II+1 (Strolling Vine) - 2 Step - Chap. 608 - Nancy & DeWayne Baldwin Basic 2 step with basketball turn. Can be danced on cues.

#### A Little Bit Of ....

Phase II+2 (fish. & str. Vine) - Mambo 5 RCA 07863-65851-7 - Stella & Peter Tennant

Solo L trng box, solo scis. Scar & bjo. Solo fwd locks. Strolling vine, open vine to no hands. Parts C and D later on in the dance are modified.

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#### Singing In The Rain

Phase II - 2 Step - Grenn 17284B - Ron & Georgine Woolcock Broken box, lace across, basketball turn and basic phase II figures are in this routine.

#### Tie Me To Your Apron

Phase ll+2(Sd. Str. & Str. Vine) - 2 Step - MGR 013 - Nancy & DeWayne Baldwin Basic 2 step with broken box, strolling vine. Ending has limp included.

#### Up Town Girl

Phase IV - Jive - Col. 38-04149 or CBS 4149 by Billy Joel - Mike Seurer Jive walks, swivels, point steps. Throwaway, kick ball changes, pretzel turn. Windmill. Music makes you want to dance.

#### Reflections

Phase IV+2(Hinge & Nat. Hov. X) - Waltz - Limited Press 427970A Avail. From Choreo. - Ken & Irene Slater

Intro is trans. to shadow. 3 diam. Turns in shadow, lady roll to hinge line. Back Turning Whisk, synco whisk. Weave, manu. Open reverse turn, locking steps, nat. hover cross. Great music and a very nice waltz.

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Bates had come to Colorado to teach summer school. One of her journeys took her

to the top of 14 thousand foot Pikes Peak, just a few miles from Colorado Springs. The view east from that "purple mountain" is of a "fruited plain".

Thus the themes for the three ceremonies planned at the 53rd NSDC® were not hard to come by. The Wednesday evening opening ceremony is entitled "Amber Waves of Grain". Our Friday evening celebration ceremony is entitled "Purple Mountain Majesties" Saturday's closing ceremony is christened "Sea to Shining Sea".

The National Square Dance Convention® comes northwest from Oklahoma City. Dry land farming covers most of this area and one of its major crops is wheat - those amber waves that Bates wrote of Colorful Colorado's chance to shine comes Friday in "Purple Mountain Majesties". That's because one of the best-known features of the state is the Rocky Mountains. On Saturday after four wonderful days of dancing, we close the festivities and send the torch to Oregon and the Pacific Ocean.

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#### Diane Jenkins and The Governor's Challenge

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Sonny Perdue, the newly elected Republican Governor of Georgia- the first one in 134 years challenged Georgia State employees to join him in a weight loss program in February 2003: "The Governor's Capitol Challenge: Fitness on Our Minds". The kickoff was in February during American Heart Month. It was a self-contract for improved health and designed for personal goals and charting progress. In April the employees "Summary for Success" was to be submitted. Healthy state employees usually are more productive employees and have lower health care costs.

My motivation in taking the challenge was to prevent or delay complications my parents had faced with diabetes. I had been living an unhealthy lifestyle with little exercise, tons of stress and a bad diet.

I found out through research that lifestyle changes can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes among high-risk adults by 40%-60%. These studies included people with high IGT and other high-risk characteristics for developing diabetes. Lifestyle changes included diet and moderate-intensity physical activity.

I found this to be true by recording my blood sugar before a meal and two hours after a meal as my doctor had instructed. Also, my blood sugar was reduced after a session of exercise such as square dancing, water exercise, and stretching exercises from a video.

I joined Haralson Haymakers, which meets weekly with Bob Sloman calling. And also RT Barn Dancers after helping Angel a weekly class I noticed after square dancing, stress was reduced from the activity and the social setting. The food table was a challenge but since I brought a dish I tried to bring one I could eat also. I found a simple equation to figure out your daily caloric needs. First, discuss with your doctor what your desired weight should be. Multiply your desired weight, in pounds by 11 to figure out how many calories you need each day. Then experiment to see if this number of calories helps you stay at or reach your weight goal. Eat less or more to fit your personal body chemistry and exercise program. My endurance and body composition improved over the challenge period. The weight bearing exercises improved muscle strength and the square dancing kept my heart rate up and elevated without stress on the joints. My energy level was up and my blood sugar down.

According to the National Institutes of Health, Tipsheet, and American Heart Association the calories I burned during square dancing (and other social dancing) were about 309 each hour. Of course this depends on weight and body type of the individual person. There are people in our club that had heart stints, and pacemakers, and other health issues, so it is good to check with your personal doctor before any change in your physical activities.

I incorporated my dancing, watching my diet, attending TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibility) and with the program under the Governor's Challenge with regular weighins and moral support I feel I am closer to my goals of losing weight and improving my over-all general health.

I went back for a doctors visit and from the lab's Comprehensive and Lipid blood panel my doctor ran I had a great review. My bad cholesterol was down, my good cholesterol up; my Hemoglobin Alc test number for diabetes was down and neither pills or insulin will be needed right now. My blood pressure was down also. I felt great enough to participate in the "Relay for Life" for the American Cancer Unit of Cobb County, walk up a flight of stairs, and of course attend my weekly square dances.



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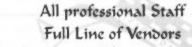


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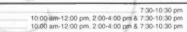
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Happy new year to everyone.

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#### It Is You I Have Loved

Waltz Ph. IV+2 (dbl rev, vien trn)

Seg: Intro - A - B - A - B - C - D - B - End

Choreo: A.Pohl/S.Patzelt CD: Soundtrack "Shrek" Artist: Dana Clover

Intro sd by sd pos.- trailhds joined - trailf free - NO WAIT!!

both roll x; x lunge rec; both roll x; x lunge rec sd to varsou; both hds joined fwd wz; lady x in 3; man x in 3; fwd wz; Lady roll out; PU sd cl;

- A 2 fwd wz;; 2 l trns fc wl;; whisk; weave 6;; thru fc cl; wz awy & tog;; roll 3; thru sd beh; roll 3; thru fan tch; whisk; wing; x hover to bjo; x hover to sdcar; x hover to semi; PU sd lk;
- B dbl rev spin -twice- to fc wl;; whisk; chasse to bjo; fwd fwd lk fwd; man; spin trn; 1/2 box bk; op telemark; nat hover fallawy; outsd chg to semi; \*PU sd cl;

A

B

C diamond trn;;;; trn l chasse to bjo; bk bk lk bk; impetus to semi; PU to sdcar; three prog twinkles;;; stp fwd pt sd; three bk prog twinkles to sdcar;;; box finish;



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- D vien trns;; op telem; in & out runs;; thru sd beh; roll 3; PU sd cl; diamond trn;;;; cl telem; manuv; spin trn; open finish; 2 super slow 2 slow outsd swivels to PU;;
- B \*thru fc cl to BFLY;

End wz awy; both roll x; x lunge rec; both roll x; x lunge rec to varsou; fwd wz; lady x in 3; stp fwd & swivel to fc pt to sd;

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**INTRO** 

WAIT 2;; LUNGE THRU TRN; SD DR CL;

PART A

BOX;; BK APT 4 STEP KICKS;; BK HITCH; TWO STEP TOG; CHG SDS TWO STEP; FC PARTNER TWO STEP; REPEAT PART A TO BFLY;;;;;;;

PART B

FC TO FC; BK TO BK FC RLOD; RK REC; TWO STEP; SCIS THRU; RK REC; HITCH BK; HITCH FWD;

BRIDGE

VINE APT 3; VINE TOG; LIMP; WALK & FC;

**ENDING** 

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# ALL THINGS CONSIDERED



By Ed Foote

#### **Square Dance Values From Harry Potter**

The Harry Potter books have been best sellers in this country for the past few years, enjoyed as much by adults as by children. These are tales of good versus evil, which reinforce Christian values and demonstrate that good does prevail in the end.

It is interesting to note how some of the values expressed in the books apply to square dancing, as follows:

FRIENDSHIP...Harry Potter has 3 close friends at school, and all care for and support each other. Likewise, square dancing encourages the care and support of others in the square, club, workshop group and federation.

TOLERANCE...The books teach that we should be tolerant of different types of people, and this is true in square dancing as well. In square dancing we learn to be tolerant, kind and friendly to everyone, no matter what their occupations or interests in life.

FORGIVENESS...Harry Potter makes mistakes, but his teachers and friends always forgive him, and he in turn forgives others. In square dancing we need to forgive others who make mistakes in the square, and to look past their mistakes to who they really are.

LOVE...It is love, not magic or witchcraft, that causes miracles to appear in Harry's live. Harry's enemies do not understand the power of love, and this ultimately gives Harry the advantage. Likewise, in square dancing it is love for our fellow dancers that is the glue holding our activity together.

If you have not read the Harry Potter books, try the first one: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." It's a great read! Become a kid again, and at square dances practice the virtues shown in the book: friendship, tolerance, forgiveness and love.



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# MOORE ON CONTRA

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#### From Paul Moore

#### It's Great To Be Active

There is no debating the title of this month's column. Anyone who has been laidup knows the frustration on not being able to get around. But that is not the meaning of the term "active" as we use it in contra dance.

"Active" is a way to identify particular dancers. For example, in square dancing, when the heads square thru, they have been designated as the active couples. The sides, then, are the inactives. If the heads split the sides and separate and go around one, the heads are still the actives – the sides are still inactive, but they must "counterdance" or move so the heads can complete the call. If the next call were pass thru, only the heads would pass thru since the calls are still directed to the actives, and the heads could complete the call without involving the sides. On the other hand, had the call been "split two, separate around one to lines," the next call would be to all dancers, not just the heads, because the lines are lines of four which include the sides.

Modern Western Square dancing does not work much with the concept of active and inactive. And if there is a point in the choreography that might cause some confusion, the caller will usually find a way to define who does what without using the term "actives."

Contra dancing, however, regularly uses "actives" and "inactives." Generally, the actives get to do a little extra somewhere in the dance, or they get to initiate a sequence of figures.

So, who is active in a contra dance? For this article I'll keep it simple and avoid the exceptions; I'll also only deal with duples. A duple is a long contra dance line in which two couples dance a sequence together, then progress to dance the sequence again with other couples. If we start with a proper contra line (men in the line to the caller's right and the ladies to the left opposite their partners) and have the first two couples join hands in a small circle of four, and continue down the line. This is called "hands four from the top." We have now set up a duple formation, in this case a proper duple. The couple in each group that is closest to the caller is the active couple.

The most common formation is an alternate duple, that is, the first couple of each group crosses over. Another way to look at it is to have the first couple form on and make a standard couple with their backs to the caller. The second couple forms on to face the first, and so on down the line. When a couple is active, it stays active all the way to the foot of the line, then they cross over to come back up the line as inactives.

Here is a dance that uses the idea of actives only to get the opening formation right. "Judge's Jig" by Charles Merrill alternate duple

Intro: ---, Actives center, down the hall in four

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1-8: --- turn alone, -- come back
9-16: -- cast-off, -- star left across
17-24: ---, -- star right
25-32: ----, - new corner dosado
33-40: ---, -- same one swing
41-48: ----, across half promenade
49-56: ---, -- right and left thru
57-64: ----, active center go down in fours*
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(\*This is a double progression dance so the couple at the head of the line is active.) Notice that the actives do not do anything that inactives do not do also, but the actives serve to get the opening formation correct.

In this next dance, the actives will not only make the formation right, but they will get one extra move.

#### "Beautiful Lady" by Paul Moore alternate duple

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Intro: ---, -- corner dosado

1-8: ---, actives center and swing partner

9-16: ---, - go down in lines of four

17-24: --- turn alone, -- come back

25-32: -- cast-off; -- across star left

33-40: ---, -- start right

41-48: ---, face partner, slow square thru

49-56: ---, ---

57-64: ---, -- new corner dosado
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As you can see, the actives swing in the center while the inactives wait. The swing moves the actives into the center to be in the right position to go down the hall in lines of four.

In "Beautiful Lady" the actives get only one more move than the inactives. There are other dances in which the actives are the focal point of the whole dance.

Title unknown, Author unknown, proper duple (I made this up for the purposes of example; it is likely that the dance was already written by someone else.)

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Intro: ---, actives roll out go down the outside

1-8: ---, --turn alone, comeback

9-16: ---, -- actives down center in two's

17-24: ---, turn alone, come back

25-32: -- cast-off, actives full figure 8 with couple above*

33-40: ---, ---

41-48: ---, -- actives center and balance a swing partner

49-56: ---, ---

57-64: -- face up; actives roll out go down the outside

(*The figure 8 is done with the same couple they did the cast-off with)
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Notice that all of the commands are given to the actives. All the inactives do is counter-dance, that is, respond to the movements of the actives. The biggest action the inactives do is the cast-off, all of four steps out of the 64 steps in the whole dance. This dance is an extreme example of the use of actives, but I think it makes the point.

Using actives and inactives can create a lot of variety in a contra dance – and, as said earlier, it's great to be active.

# CALLERLAB VIEWPOINTS

### By Bruce Mitchell

A hundred years from now, it will not matter how much money you had, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove. But the world may be different... because you were important in the life of a child.

Two years ago, when we moved into our Ellicott City, Maryland house, I found a wall plaque with these words inscribed on it. I thought how fortuitous of the previous owners to leave such powerful words from which to draw inspiration, when they could so easily have taken it with them. I guess they intuitively knew I would need a boost once in a while to keep me going with my youth projects. Or perhaps... they just forgot it. Who knows? The important thing is that we keep it in mind.

Strangely enough, when asked if I would consider heading up the new CALLER-LAB Youth Activities Committee, those words popped back into my head. I thought "Wow, a chance to touch the future." I felt excited and extremely humbled at the same time. Upon reflection, I became daunted at the immense task ahead.

Dealing with the youth of today presents challenges far different from those of yesteryear. Kids today are always made to feel important. Their opinion counts. Their words are heard. The media hears them. The advertising industry hears them. They have the power of purchase. Parents cater to their whims. Schools cater to their whims. If they are failing, it must be the teacher's fault. "My son isn't bad, the teacher is just not relating to him properly." My own daughter, Shannon, had a boyfriend who would only eat hamburgers, french fries and chicken fingers. If we had him to dinner, my wife had to include one of these culinary dishes on the menu.

One summer day, when Shannon was eight or so, she wanted to go out and play after eating two or three bites of food and claiming she was not hungry. Shannon was warned that she could not return from playing and continue dinner. Nevertheless, she maintained that she was full. Needless to say, she came in an hour later proclaiming to be famished. The kitchen was cleaned up, and closed. Words lead to yelling and yelling lead to a trip to her room. From the bottom of the steps to the top, she screamed at the top of her lungs "...This is child abuse... This is child abuse..." Right... To some pampered kids of today, child abuse is having to go to Denny's rather than TGI Friday's. Everyone knows the chicken fingers are better at TFGI Friday's. My, how things have changed...

Children no longer feel the need to please us. They aren't going to learn to dance because they wish to please us.... They will only learn to dance of it pleases them. Yes, thank you Dr. Spock for the "Me Generation," and worse, the "Children of the Me Generation."

We are no longer competing against the local Boys Club or CYO twice a year for a few weeks of "Token Football or Token Baseball." They woo them with year round sports from Baseball to Rugby. Have you seen the winter Soccer courts in heated gymnasiums? What the heck is a soccer-mom anyhow?

Every organization, from The Moose to the Knights of Columbus sees youth as "The Future Lifeblood of their Organization."

With all that in mind, we are left with the unenviable task of trying to re-create the scores of youth square dance clubs of the sixties.

So... let's get real.

We may never again see a region with 8 or ten 10 youth square dance clubs. But that doesn't mean we should give up on them either. We just have to plug away until we find the right formula for being "Their Activity."

The CALLERLAB Youth Activities Committee was established in 2001 and is a small group of CALLERLAB members interested in increasing the number of youth square dancers. CALLERLAB members who meet the following Committee Membership Prerequisites may join the Youth Activities Committee: Active member, Associate Member, or Life Member. Must call regularly for a youth group/club, or be a former youth dancer, or former youth caller. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Mitchell, Committee Chairman (bruce@brucemitchell.com) or the CALLERLAB office (CALLERLAB@aol.com) or visit the CALLERLAB web site at: www. Callerlab.org

Thus far, we have produced the CALLERLAB brochure, "Running A Successful Youth Square Dance Group." The committee is working on a database of youth callers, those willing to call for youth at festivals as well as those willing to mentor youth callers. The committee is working in conjunction with the Education Commit-



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tee on a youth mentoring program.

Future programs include developing a youth ambassador program, possibly with regional youth ambassadors, to promote public awareness of square dancing for young people. The intent of this effort is to develop a strategy for recruiting youth into square dancing. There are also plans to create and distribute brochures intended to promote and recruit youth into square dancing.

Currently, there are 14 committee members. You are invited to join if you qualify. If you do not qualify for membership in the committee, your input is still welcome. The committee will only be as productive as it can be with available resources. The committee members are all busy people, and hopefully, have lives outside of square dancing. Therefore, they will try to move steadily forward without setting the world on fire. These dedicated CALLERLAB members are just trying to do something good for the kids... nothing more.

So...With our mission clear; our charges in place, we are setting out to change the future...Just a little...

#### **Square Dance Graduation Fun**

By Jim and Carol Hill

Square dance graduations are a time for fun – and a time to be proud that you've finished your lessons and are "finally" a square dancer. At Nu Hall Dancers (outside of Midvale, Ohio), graduations are always fun and rather unpredictable, at times. On June 8, 2003, this couldn't be truer!

The dancers and soon-to-be graduates, danced for about an hour, and then, the fun began! Along with me – several women were given chef hats to wear and a towel to put over our arms. But this was only the beginning! My husband, Jim, also had a part in the fun. Bertha Meese, the caller's wife, had made a "table from a box, put a red and white checkered table cloth on it and set the table with plates, silverware, napkins, glasses and "food". This "table" was put over Jim's head – making him the centerpiece of the tale – his arms sticking through holes in the sides. Then, we



"Chef" Carol Hill and husband, "the dancing table"

"chefs" entered the hall, with Jim following us. The looks from the students and dancers and their laughter were priceless! As Jim had finishing touches put on his costume (Pig's nose and a flowered hat), we "chefs" dressed the square for the skit called "Do Si Porkys." We put pig's ears, noses and tails on the dancers and finished the costumes by putting paper sacks on their feet. Then the fun began as Bill Meese (the caller) put music on and began calling. Actually, the dancers did pretty well - especially Jim, as "The dancing table." He never missed a step! Someone asked me later if Jim had practiced because he did so well. I told her we hadn't a clue to

# SEWING 101



#### With Donna Ipock

I hope you all are ready for the up-coming spring sewing fling. I usually get my second wind about mid February but for some reason I have the energy and ideas to get an early start this year.

Necklines are our subject this month...

I don't know about you, but from time to time the necklines on my square dance outfits, and street wear too, gape open. Here are some suggestions...

For a V-neckline...

If you have a garment that gapes open between the neck and the arm, you need to first make your pattern shorter. In the area of the notch, fold out an inch to 3/8 inch of the pattern. If this only happens on V-neck patterns, deepen the seam allowance along the neckline, starting about an inch down. Deepen it to sew at 7/8 inch, and then as you get close to the point, go back to a 5/8 inch seam. You can use twill tape to stabilize the seam, but as your get to the end of the V-neck, stop using the twill tape and sew with tiny stitches to prevent puckering. If you want to show less skin, reverse this. Where you curved out 7/8 inches before, you will now curve the pattern into 3/8 of an inch. You can also raise the V-neckline by adding a bit to the pattern using a piece of paper.

Now for a Circular Neckline...

You must first decide how far down from the neck you want your seam to be positioned. Then you can create a curved neckline on any pattern. Using a ruler, extend the line of the center front of the pattern on a piece of paper. Then draw half the circle on the paper as the new neckline.

Remember to always do a "bend test". You know...bend over and if your neckline gapes open, it will most likely cause you some embarrassment. You can always remedy an already sewn garment by adding some embellishment such as lace or

what would be going on - let alone have time to practice! This was only the beginning of fun. We had dancing luggage, soap boxes, wash tubs (and "bubbles"), and "babies" - just to mention a few of the graduation activities.

After the fun side of graduation was over, the serious part began, with the diplomas given out. This year was a family affair. Jim had taken our 16 year old granddaughter, Aguinda Hill, through lessons (a dream she's had for years). Patti and Lowell McClellans' 17 year old daughter, Amanda, and Bill and Berta's Granddaughter, 9 year old Alyssa Wallace, had also gone through lessons. Bill was celebrating 15 years of calling, too.

All in all – June 8th and square dance graduation is one that we'll never forget!

pretty ruffle around the neckline. Just make a note on your pattern that you need to make some adjustments before making another garment so you won't make this mistake again.

One trick that I did for a ready made dress that has a deep v-neckline was to use a vintage hankie. I cut the hankie in half and fitted it across the V as a fill in. The other half I made into a small rosette for a pin on to be used with that outfit or another suit I have. The rosette is very simple to construct. You can use your serger to make a rolled hem and then gather the hemmed edge very tightly by bunching it up at the same time you work with the hankie fabric to make a kind of poufy effect. You may have to work with this a while to get the look you want but I promise you that by the time you sew on a simple safety pin for attaching it to your outfit, and add a loose pearl or tiny button with glue, this will look as good as any of the vintage pins and flowers that are so popular now. I see them everywhere on dress suits and even blue jean jackets. Try this; you will have made something for camouflaging your bare neck and also have a pin-on to wear.

Sew Happy!

#### **Sundancers Square Dance Club**

Glenn and Davida Dutiel were recognized and honored, by the Sundancers Square Dance Club, Sun City - Tucson, Arizona, on October 15, 2003, by our Presidents, Rich and Kathy Roelke, for having Square Danced 40 years, and Round Danced 26 years. A "Highlight" of the evening was having our caller/cuer, Ron Markus, have our Club dance to a record, which we have had for 40 years, a singing call, "Linda": called by Don Zents, our teacher, from Lima, Ohio (record cost 80¢).

We danced to "National Callers" from 1963 to 1994, at the Dayton Square Dance Club, Dayton, Ohio, scheduled Callers for 14 years, and Co-Sponsored a "Double-Header" Dance, with George and Linda Knapp, for 11 years, with Tony Oxendine and Larry Letson, Callers, and George and Mady D'Aloiso, Cuer.

We are still enthusiastic about dancing, and think it is the Best Couple Activity!

We initiated "Special Saturday Dances" (winter) in 1995, here at Sun City, Tucson, with visiting callers; and Ronnie and Bonnie Bond, cuers, and they are continuing today.

We have subscribed to the American Square Dance Magazine, starting with "Sets and Order" for 38 years!

Glenn and Davida Dutiel



Roelk's presenting Glenn and Davida with award.

# THE COUNTRY LINE

#### From Mike Salerno



Welcome folks to a new year of dancing. I hope everyone had a joyful and relaxing holiday season. When I look for dances to use at a dance, I think of the level of dancers I am working with and the time it will take to teach during a dance. I want the flow of the dance to be as uninterrupted as possible. I try to use dances that I can teach quickly and dance within the usual 10-minute time frame for my usual break between tips. That is roughly the time a Round Dance Cuer would use for two rounds. If the dance will take longer to teach than that, I will split up the dance lesson throughout the evening. Maybe I can teach it within three tips. Either way it is important for me and my club to do these line dances but not disrupt the dance. The second quality I look for in a dance is that the dance is done in the country-dance world and increases our dance knowledge. I try to use modern dances to the best music available. Sometimes the dances are easy, some not so easy. Obviously, a square dance is not the place for the most complicated line dances. This month's dance is one of my favorites that I can teach quickly and have a high rate of dancer success. If you have any questions about this dance or a suggestion for a future column, please contact me at P.O. Box 2685, Topeka, Kansas 66601-2685. I can also be reached via e-mail at KSDanceguy@aol.com. Until next time, I will save you a spot on the dance floor.

#### This Month's Dance: THE ARMADILLO

Basic Steps (Official NTA Definitions):

**Grapevine:** Vine is an abbreviation. A continuous traveling step pattern to the side with crosses behind and/or in front in 3rd or 5th position.

**Point:** To point the free foot forward, backward, sideward, or crosswise.

**Step:** The transfer of weight from one foot to the other.

**Tap (Touch):** The toe or the heel of the free foot taps or touches the floor without a weight change.

**Stomp Up:** To step without a change of weight, and lift foot upward.

**Toe Fan:** Feet together, the toes of one foot move to the side and returns to 1st position. The foot swivels out on the heel of the foot on count 1 and swivels back to



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Together: To bring the feet together with a weight change.

Turning Vine: A pattern which consists of a Vine with a 1/4 or 1/2 turn off of count 3.

\*Prompting Cues are in BOLD lettering

NAME: The Armadillo

**DESCRIPTION:** 32 Count, 1 Wall Beginner Line Dance

CHOREOGRAPHER: Unknown MUSIC TEMPO SUGGESTIONS:

Slow: Billy B. Bad by George Jones (143 BPM)

Medium: Third Rock From The Sun by Joe Diffie (154 BPM)

Fast: Good Brown Gravy by Joe Diffie (174 BPM) or any moderate/fast East Coast

Swing Tempo

#### COUNTS/STEP DESCRIPTION

Right Toe Fan, Right Heel, Right Toe Fan, Right Heel

- 1.) With Weight on Right Heel, Turn Right Toe to Right 90 degrees
- 2.) Return Right Toe to Center (Feet Together)
- 3.) Tap Right Heel Forward
- 4.) Step Right Foot Beside Left Foot
- 5.) With Weight on Right Heel, Turn Right Toe to Right 90 degrees
- 6.) Return Right Toe to Center (Feet Together)
- 7.) Tap Right Heel Forward
- 8.) Step Right Foot Beside Left Foot

Point, Step, Heel, Step, Point, Step, Stomp Up, Stomp Up

- 9.) Point Left Toe Backwards
- 10.) Step Left Foot Beside Right Foot
- 11.) Tap Right Heel Forward
- 12.) Step Right Foot Beside Left Foot
- 13.) Point Left Toe Backwards
- 14.) Step Left Foot Beside Right Foot
- 15.) Stomp Right Foot Beside Left Foot
- 16.) Stomp Right Foot Beside Left Foot

Vine Right With A 1/4 Turn Left, Vine Left With A 1/4 Turn Left

- 17.) Step Right Foot to Right Side
- 18.) Cross/Step Left Foot Behind Right Foot
- 19.) Step Right Foot to Right Side
- 20.) Turn a 1/4 Turn Left on Ball of Right Foot, Touch Left Foot Beside Right Foot
- 21.) Step Left Foot to Left Side
- 22.) Cross/Step Right Foot Behind Left Foot
- 23.) Step Left Foot to Left Side With a 1/4 Turn Left
- 24.) Touch Right Foot Beside Left Foot

Vine Right With A 1/4 Turn Left, Vine Left With A 1/4 Turn Left, Stomp Up

- 25.) Step Right Foot to Right Side
- 26.) Cross/Step Left Foot Behind Right Foot
- 27.) Step Right Foot to Right Side
- 28.) Turn a 1/4 Turn Left on ball of Right Foot, Touch Left Foot Beside Right Foot
- 29.) Step Left Foot to Left Side
- 30.) Cross/Step Right Foot Behind Left Foot
- 31.) Step Left Foot to Left Side With a 1/4 Turn Left
- 32.) Stomp Right Foot Beside Left Foot

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#### Beijing?

Do-Si-Do and Allemand Left, square dancing is alive and well in Beijing! (That is in the People's Republic of China.)

Greetings from China and the Gold Friends Square Dance Club! Thanks to Lee Schmidt, Jane Carlson, American Square Dance Magazine and the internet we found the square dancing here.

Here's the story. We came to China to teach for Huijia School. We are "dyed in the wool" square dancers so we immediately began our search for our favorite activity! The language barrier is powerful, the American Embassy didn't know of square dancing, there was no listing in the National (and International) Square Dance Directory and we despaired of ever finding a place to dance. Our hearts were disappointed, but our spirits were high. We knew that if square dancing existed in Beijing we would find it.

In the August issue of American Square Dance Magazine we chanced upon an article about the "Chinese American Cultural Bridge Center" in Arlington Heights, Illinois. This organization brings American artistic culture and performance to China to foster friendly understanding between the people of both countries. There was an e-mail address, so we shot them a letter (which they did not answer). The article mentioned that Gary Shoemake was leading a group of American Square Dancers to China in October. We searched the net until we found Gary's address to find out where they would be dancing. Meantime, we received an e-mail from Jane Carlson with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of some Chinese contacts. She had just returned from Beijing where she contacted square dancers and ran a caller clinic.

Finally, we contacted a Chinese lady who informed us, just a few days before the Americans arrived, when and where they would be dancing. We promptly made plans to attend put on our dancing shoes, and went square dancing! We were informed that Lee Schmidt had replaced Gary Shoemake as tour leader and caller. We reasoned that many local Chinese dancers from Beijing would be there and we could make contact with a club. Through sign language, translators, pig Latin or whatever it took, we made contact with the Gold Friends Square Dance Club callers Liu and Cao Ping.

The dance with Lee Schmidt was very good, and we had our square dance itch scratched - a little! Better yet, we learned when and where the Gold Friends Square Dance Club danced.

Going square dancing is quite an experience for us. We first walk about four blocks to a bus stop and take the #37 bus about 5 miles to a subway stop. The subway takes us across Beijing, another 7-10 miles. Then we take a pedicab (a small three-wheeled bicycle with just room for two paying passengers, pedaled by the driver) another mile or so to the dance. All told, about an hour and a half trip.

The Gold Friends Square Dance Club has about three squares dancing regularly on Monday night with two Chinese callers. They are very friendly and several of them speak very limited English. Understanding the caller is difficult and we often are running to catch up. The dance style is more elegant than American dancers, and more exact and precise. They want to get every call perfectly right. A missed left allemand is pretty heavy-duty stuff. They are very forgiving to us, as they know we are struggling to keep up. The actual dance level is mainstream, and they are just

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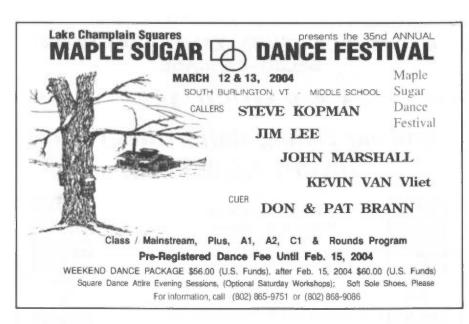
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learning some Plus calls.

We are in our milieu, however, working with square dancers and square dance students. By the second evening, the caller was calling on Betsy and me for proper pronunciation of the calls. (Extend for Extenda, etc.) We are having a ball and making friends fast!

The callers are relatively untrained and trying hard. Of course they explain everything in Chinese, which we do not speak or understand. We can figure out what they are teaching, however and help the newer dancers perform the new moves. These callers are working at a considerable disadvantage. They work with a simple boom-box, no microphone, playing tape cassettes. We will be glad to act as gobetweens to get some good square dance records and equipment for them.

Meantime, we are enjoying China and prospering. We came to China for an experience and we are having a fascinating time. Beijing is a large, fascinating city, filled with many, many things to do. Living costs are low as our housing is paid for and we can eat up to three meals a day at the school. Our pay is low by American standards, but our earnings really go a long way so we can afford to eat out nearly every night and generally enjoy ourselves.

Huijia School is looking hard for good teachers who want to experience teaching at a topflight private school in China. It is the equal of any top prep schools throughout the world and is a very desirable place to be. They are very warm and friendly to American guest teachers and bend over backwards to make the teachers happy. To teach English in China requires a four year degree and being a native English speaker. If you are interested in a really fascinating experience, this is the place. Beijing is a notably safe and friendly city and welcomes foreigners. If you are interested, send us an e-mail at jimbetsy@aol.com and we will put you on the right track.

Keep dancing! It opens so many doors!

Jim and Betsy, your Rovin' Comers

# ROUND DANCE PULSE POLL



#### From Bev & Bob Casteel

Happy New Year! May this be a wonderful year for you and bring you more dancing pleasure. Don't forget to send us your monthly/quarterly selections.

#### CHICAGOLAND ROUND DANCE LEADERS' SOCIETY

Teach Of The Month For December – Submitted by Jayne & George Sheldon Phase IV: Ruby Baby (Huckeby) Col 13-33063

(Taught at the Chicagoland Society Fall Jubilee Dinner Dance)

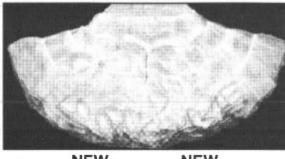
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Rounds Of The Quarter – Submitted by Carl & Carol Schappacher Phase II: All That Jazz Two (Springer) II+1/Two Step Star 133

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Round Of The Month For January/February 2004

Submitted by Steve Philson

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Top Teaches For November 2003 - Submitted by John & Misty Hannah

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- 2. You Should Be Dancing (Goss) V/Cha/Star 507 CD
- Beale St Blues (Lillefield) V+1/Jive/SP Dedication (Rumble) IV+2/Waltz/SP
- 4. I Wish You Love (Preskitt) IV/Rumba/SP I'm Still Me (Read) VI/Waltz/SP
- If Tomorrow Never Comes (Rumble) V+2/Rumba/SP Jack Is Back (Worlock) V/+2/Mambo/SP Rainbow Connection (Childers) Classic IV/Waltz/DLD 1079
- 6. All That Jazz Two (Springer) II+1/Two Step/Star 133
  Boogie Time (Gloodt) IV+2/Jive/ SP "Boogie With Me"
  From The Soul (Noble) Unp/Tango/SP
  Jurame (Worlock) V+2/Rumba/SP
  Moonlight Tango (Rumble) VI/Tango/SP
  More Than Ever 4 (Morrison) IV/Rumba/SP
  Puttin' On The Ritz (Moore) VI/Quickstep/SP
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#### From Buffalo News Newspaper

Nice to see spotlight on square dancing.

I was happy to see the photograph in The News of the square dancers who performed for the residents of a health care center in downtown Buffalo. Seldom is square dancing recognized, despite the fact that there are many articles about obesity and exercise, and dancing is good for your health.

"Sport" is defined as a recreational activity requiring physical skill, or an activity that is governed by a set of rules. Square dancing falls into this category, but it is never mentioned on a sports page.

True, it is not very popular among everyone, but occasionally I and many others would like a little recognition of this colorful sport. Could it be that no sports writer or sports broadcaster knows how to promenade or do-si-do?

Richard M. Hoesel, West Seneca

(The photograph was also sent, but was not high enough quality to print. Sorry.)

# POINT OF ORDER



By Kappie Kappenman

### Was His Prediction Correct?

**Extremist Or Moderate?** 

Submitted by Kappie Kappenman

When I was first introduced to this hobby of ours, I was strongly impressed with the idea that square and round dancing were one and the same. I had been indoctrinated to the principle that both were necessary for dancers to achieve a solid background and that callers used both squares and rounds to program an enjoyable evening of dancing.

The smoothness, rhythm, and timing found in round dances helped the dancers in learning the intricate maneuvers of square dancing. The two blended together to create the desirable qualities in the average dancer. A successful combination of the two seemed to insure that new dancers would remain in the total dance picture for years rather than just months.

How does this picture compare with the one we see today? As a traveling caller in the midwestern and eastern parts of the country, I have noticed some definite trends. Although these trends are not cause for alarm, they deserve careful thought and

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consideration.

In square and round dancing we have two extremes, just as we have in national government and other phases of public interest. Also, though, like these other groups, we have a dominant middle-of-the-road contingent. These moderates are the majority members of the square and round dance movement.

Dancers move from the middle-of-the-road group to one of the extremes, either all round dancing, shunning square dancing, or vice versa. Once a dancer has reached an extremist group, he seldom turns back to the middle-of-the-road. So, it is with the moderates that we must work to achieve a well-balanced recreational form for square and round dancing.

The middle-of-the-roaders are the most important, and yet, the most neglected sector of the square and round dance activity. Also, in this group, the best results in the way of progress and dancing pleasure can be obtained.

In the not too distant future, if square and round dance extremists continue to grow in numbers, the two activities will go their separate ways. This has already happened in some areas, but it does not have to spread.

I have many friends in both extremist groups as well as many who are moderates. It will be impossible to get them all happily together, but through thoughtful discussion many problems could be overcome.

As a final thought, consider whether square dancers are leaving round dancing or whether round dancers are leaving square dancing.

Harry Lackey, Greensboro, North Carolina American Squares – March 1965

#### From Sets In Order

November, 1963 - Lloyd Shaw Quotes

"ME, MYSELF, AND I. A good subject for a morning talk. Me is the selfish guy that wants everything, "gimme," "gimme"! MYSELF may be the self-conceited guy that always thinks of himself, wants adoration, and praise, and attention. It is the "spiritual gimme" side of our natures, wanting everyone's thoughts and appreciations to flow in to us. I, the aggressor, the positive self that goes out to push the world around. These are the three most dangerous men in the square dance world. They are the most dangerous influences in anyone's life. ME, MYSELF, AND I, the perpetual trouble makers!

#### **Music As Used By Callers**

While music may not be the most important single item in the callers' repertoire, it is a vital ingredient. It is true that you may become a successful caller without being able to sing. However, it is equally true that if you use music well, you will be more effective than if you do not. This session will work at showing you how to be more effective with music.



Music is a part of everything that we do from teaching to a full scale stage show during a festival. Music enables the dancers to move comfortably from one figure to another. Music gives the dancers that euphoric feeling of floating with grace and style. Music can and should be used to help with programming and variety. Music can and should be varied by record producer labels.

When we talk about music, we are not suggesting that you should be a music major or composer but rather you should learn how to use the music to suit your own particular talents. Most callers can feel the beat of music and many will instinctively call on the musical phrase. Some may be more melodic than others and that is what makes "square dancing" so enjoyable. Each of us has observed a caller who does not call with the music and this leads to a long evening because the dancers are not comfortable.

Music consists of several parts which we will describe in terms that presupposes no prior knowledge. Music has several parts - RHYTHM, MELODY and HARMONY. The variety is provided by the way in which these elements are combined to create a mood or an overall sensation. We each have our favorite square dance labels and these combinations are what makes each of us choose one label over another.

RHYTHM. Rhythm is expressed as a measure of time. It can be said that it is a function of time between beats. It may be regular or irregular. However, for most square dance music, we see and hear the following:

2/4 Time - The bulk of our music is written in this time signature and is often referred to as Boom/Chuck music. Technically it says that there are two beats of music to each measure and that a 1/4 note gets one beat of time.

4/4 Time - This time signature is generally referred to as March Music and is characterized by a heavy Boom Boom type style. The 4/4 music gives a different feel to its rhythm and is often hard to identify other than by feel. Some hoedowns use this time stamp, but more often you will find 4/4 in singing calls. Summer Sounds on MacGregor is a popular 4/4 piece.

2/2 Time - This is referred to as cut time and feels much the same as 4/4 time. It is very difficult to tell the difference as a caller from these two time signatures.

6/8 Time - This is referred to as Jig Time and gives an entirely different feel to the music. It can be counted and used by the caller in the same fashion as other rhythms but it can also give a Rat-ta-ta, Rat-ta-ta beat in which we, as callers use the Rat count to give us the beat. Some examples of this music are most often found in Contras or Quadrilles. This is not a common rhythm in singing calls.

All square dance music must have a recognizable downbeat to enable us to deliver the call on the musical phrase. That is the heavy beat of the music. It is recognized by a bass type of instrument in the orchestration. There may be other beats that you can hear but the bass beat is what gives the dancer and the caller the feeling to move and call by.

Regularity is essential to smooth calling. If we, as callers, do not deliver our calls in a regular pattern to the music, we are inviting disaster. Sometimes this is referred to as TEMPO. Tempo can best be described as the number of beats per minute. It is the count of steps that a dancer can and should take in a given period of time. Generally speaking, a dance tempo is comfortable when set at 128 to 132 beats per minute. Slower than this will give a draggy feeling while faster than this will lead to rough dancing. Increasing the tempo is not synonomous with higher level dancing.

Variety can be enhanced by your using a mix of different rhythms, tempos and compositions.

The second element of music is MELODY. This is generally considered as the tune that we recognize. Melody is the pattern of the tones used by the writer of the music. It is what gives us a song that we can sing to. The melody consists of tones that are put together in a pattern that creates an enjoyable and pleasurable sensation. A tone is a single sound that is made when a piano key is struck or a guitar string is plucked. A tone then is the basic element of Melody just as the Beat is the basic element of Rhythm.

A group of tones put together form a tune. We can all sing many different tunes. It is the variations of tones that create the tunes or melodies we recognize. If we played a scale of eight different tones, we would know this as the Do-Re-Mi-Fa-So-La-Ti-Do. The Do tone at the beginning and end is identical in tone but varies only in pitch. Technically the two have a frequency of a two to one ratio. That is to say that the Do on the first part is 1/2 the frequency of the Do at the last part. This frequency difference is also referred to as an octave. If we added the black keys to the piano scale, we add the half tones and thus obtain the full 12 tone chromatic scale that encompasses all tones used in any music.

The next element of music that we need to recognize is the KEY. This, in callers' parlance, is what determines the comfort zones of tones we use to deliver the call. The key gives us a comfort range for the music we select. The chords used in any piece of music provide the allowable tones to use without being off-key. Different hoedowns will be recorded in different keys. Keys will provide a certain feel for the music. The Key of "A" will seem to be higher than the Key of "G" and refers to the structure of the scale to play music written in that key.

Key and Pitch are also used to reflect the degree of accuracy with which a person sings a particular note. If a caller is slightly off-key or off-pitch, we refer to that person as "sour" or "flat". You, as a caller, can talk a call and not try to deliver the call with a singing tone and avoid this being offpitch. If a note is too high for you to reach comfortably when singing, use a variation of that delivery style in order to avoid singing off key.

HARMONY. Harmony is the last element of music that we are concerned with and generally refers to the combinations of tones that, when played together, yield a pleasurable mix. If two tones are played concurrently that are too close to one another in tone, they are said to be in dissonance or discord. Generally harmony occurs when two tones are played concurrently and are separated by at least one other complete tone.

Chords are combinations of tones. On a standard scale the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th

notes of a scale comprise the major chord. Minor chords, seventh chords, augmented chords are other variations of tonal arrangements that you need not concern yourself with in order to be effective. However, you must be able to recognize chords in order to deliver the calls on key.

These tones are the notes on which you can deliver the call and make the delivery style comfortable and pleasurable for the dancer. As mentioned above, if a note is too high for your voice range, use a tone that is in harmony with the one you are unable to reach.

In order to be effective, a caller must deliver his calls three ways. 1) ON RHYTHM, 2) ON PITCH (KEY) and 3) ON PHRASE. Today's choreography doesn't always allow us to deliver each call on the musical phrase, but when we do, we will provide the dancer with a more enjoyable dance and they will leave the dance without being as tired as otherwise. There are other elements that contribute to this feeling that will be discussed in other segments of the seminar under smooth dancing etc.

Calling on Phrase is also sometimes referred to as metering the call to the music. This is most often talked about in singing calls but is a technique we use in patter calling as well. Since music is often written in 4 or 8 beat musical phrases, we should try to deliver our calls in phrase to the music. When we get a call that only requires two beats, then we will have several calls in a musical phrase. If you examine the timing lists published by CALLERLAB, you will see that most of them are in

multiples of 4 or 8 beats. With very few exceptions, they are in even counts. Thus, if we combine our calls to come up with a series that add up to 64 beats or steps, we will have a combination that fits the music story or melody.

Hoedowns are generally written with a four or eight beat phrase that is repeated to yield a 32 beat paragraph. Then a different paragraph is played using the same philosophy for another 32 beats and this comprises the story the composer wished to tell. As you listen to various music, you should begin to develop this understanding of the music. By using this understanding effectively, you will become a better caller that the dancers will enjoy more.

Remember, you don't have to be able to sing in order to be a good caller, but you do have to be able to use music effectively. Music is the foundation of our calling and if we fail to use music effectively, we are dooming ourselves to failure.

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One of Dr. William (Bill) M. Litchman's recent achievements was being awarded the Silver Spur Award. The following is the printed presentation given to Bill Litchman from Bob Osgood, as printed in the American Dance Circle:

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23-24 LOUISIANA – Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown, Ruston Civic Center, 401 North Trenton Street. Lottie Ainsworth, 1475 Okaloosa Road, Eros,

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12-13 **MISSISSIPPI** – Sweetheart Festival, Wahabi Shrine Temple, Jackson; James and Louise Cox, P.O. Box 25, Brookhaven, MS 39602; 601-833-4437

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20 **OREGON** – Preconvention Dance, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, www.54nsdc.com, 503-556-0303

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#### MAY 2004

7-9 **OHIO** – 44th Ohio Dance Convention, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland; Alice Morrow, 11575 Stafford Road, Burton, OH 44021; 440-543-4950; www.squaredancing.com/clevefed

28-30 **FLORIDA** – 50th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. Lakeland Center, Lakeland. Randy and Carol Poole, 1541 Lakeside Drive, Deland, Florida 32720; 386-734-5295; carpoole@juno.com

28-31 MONTANA – Fun 'n' More in 2004, 33rd Annual Montana State Square and Round Dance Convention, Hamilton High School, 327 Fairgrounds Rd., Hamilton; 406-273-0141, www.cybernet1.com/missoula.sq-rd-dancers, SquareDanceMT@hotmail.com

15 VERMONT – 28th Annual Square & Round Dance Convention, Barre Town School, Barre; Warren T. Johnston, P.O. Box 1039, Lyndonville, VT 05851; 802-626-9748; www.SquareDanceVT.org; PapaFrito@USADatanet.net

#### JUNE 2004

3-5 NORTH DAKOTA – 45th International Square, Round & Clogging Convention, Shanley High School, 5600 25th St. South, Fargo. Bernadette and Roger McNeil 701-293-6620, bernmcneil@aol.com

11-13 MINNESOTA – Minnesota State Convention. Squares, Rounds, Clogging, Folk, Line and Contra dancing. Bemidji High School, Bemidji. Duane and Marilyn Olson, 14521 Klondike Rd., Lake Park, MN 56554, 218-532-7891, marduo@tekstar.com, www.squaredanceminnesota.com

18-19 WASHINGTON STATE – Duck Through The Door in 2004, Washington State Folk Dance Festival, NW Washington State Fairgrounds, Lynden; Ken and Cathy Moller, 360-424-1020, cmoller@fidalgo.net

#### **JULY 2004**

29-31 CANADA – 14th Canadian National Convention, Telus Convention Centre, Calgary. www.festival2004.org, festival2004@shaw.ca, 1-877-850-2004, Calgary area 282-6091

30-Aug. 1 ILLINOIS – 21st Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention. Caller Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie. Western Illinois University, Student Union, Macomb, Illinois. Bob and Shirley Schwartz, 907E 2000 Street, Liberty, IL 62347, 217-645-3302, swrtz@adams.net or www.billbirge.com

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