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EDITORIAL

From Bill Boyd



It never should have happened – it never should have had to happen is a more correct statement. The incident took place at an advances/challenge convention and the caller is the one who had to make the statement from the stage, on the microphone to the dancers. We are, or should be, taught to take hands to establish position and keep our square tight for easier dancing. While we all know dancers who fail to take hands we also know many dancers who like to show and prove their strength and this was the problem. At least two, if not more dancers complained first to the people in the square and then to the caller, some of these dancers are grabbing and holding too tight. We should be taught when we first begin dancing to take hands. We should be taught that if we place the thumb along the side of the index finger and leave it there we will not grab, grasp or in other ways hurt any other dancer in the square. It does not mater if it is a hand touch, forearm touch or even a right and left grand. I can think of no reason for a gorilla grip. Take hands, keep the square or column close, but be gentle. Keep dancing fun.

On a personal note, I felt a twinge of pride as my wife and I took the dance floor along with my son-in-law, daughter, our teenage granddaughter and teenage grandson all in the same square. I know we are not unique, but it has been a long time since I saw three generations in the same square. There is room for more; our two younger grandsons also are square dancers. Square dancing is still, and can continue to be, a family tradition of fun.



Well, at least half of them were awake when the photo was taken.

CALLERLAB VIEWPOINTS

By Tim Marriner CALLERLAB Chairmn of the Board



There are many components in an automobile that make it run. Lose one and it usually stops in its tracks. The same holds true with regards to a square dance club. In order to function well, a square dance club needs dancers, leaders, and a caller. The caller provides the music, choreography, teaching, and the entertainment necessary to create a dance. The club provides the platform for dancers to enjoy the social fun and interaction our activity offers. Regular maintenance is necessary to keep an auto in tip-top shape. Oil is changed, filters are replaced, fluids are checked, tires rotated, and in some states, an annual inspection is required. Granted callers and clubs are less complex, but there are things that need service. Ever change a caller's spark plug or check the clubs oil?

First let's do a diagnostic check up for the caller. It doesn't take long for a caller to become rusty and fall into ruts. All the music starts to sounds the same, dancers anticipate the choreography, enthusiasm reduces, applause dies out, and finally dancers stop attending. When taken for granted, a caller could care less if he/she is really working at all. What can be done to avoid this? First the caller must desire to change and improve their skills. If so, several options are available. Area caller associations help by providing information and training can be obtained to spark interest. Weekend seminars offered across the country, as well as full curriculum caller schools can also do the trick. A concentrated forty-hour school can open the eyes of most callers today. You can teach an old dog new tricks. If funds are scarce, there are groups that offer scholarships. CALLERLAB offers several scholarships every year. Contact the home office at 321/639-0039 to apply.

Another great opportunity to avoid the doldrums is to attend an annual CALLERLAB convention. This year's convention is being held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Next year it will be held in Los Angeles, California. Some callers choose not to attend because they think it's just another meeting. Actually, there is a whole lot more offered at a CALLERLAB convention. Seminars are conducted prior to and during the convention. One on one voice training is available by a leading voice specialist. One on one coaching is available by several CALLERLAB accredited caller coaches. Various refreshment breaks are planned, along with other social parties, luncheons and evening banquets. These events provide the opportunity to network, socialize, and exchange ideas with some of the best entertainers in our business. Yes, committee meetings are conducted during the day generating some great discussions. Some callers are very passionate about the activity and wish to share these views with everyone they meet. In the end, compromises are made and work gets accomplished. Most

every evening some dance form associated with our activity is available. Folks gather at after parties or other watering holes to discuss the daily results. Overall, callers obtain new skills, sharpen old ideas, and cherish the memories and reunions of fellow leaders. The net result is a caller who returns to a club invigorated and eager to energize the dancers.

Next, let's take a look under the hood of our dance leaders. Many ideas are passed down from one leader to the next only because that's just the way it's always been done. If what you are doing is currently not working, seek new ways. Area dancer associations can offer assistance. National organizations can also help. Check out websites that offer winning ways, new approaches and try again. Experiment with new strategies for recruiting, teaching and maintaining members. Don't give up.

Often new dancers are thrown into leadership roles to either sink or swim. This should be avoided. Past officers should provide training to new recruits. Give incoming leaders an owner's manual or some sort of training guide documenting full duties and timelines. Don't just hand them the gavel or they will waste time and money reinventing the wheel. Some regions of the country offer leadership seminars that teach basic skills necessary to operate a dance club. If such a program is not available near you, start one. It's a great place to share ideas, learn responsibilities, and build bridges to the future. It is also a super way to train the leaders of tomorrow.

Those that seek a greater understanding of our square dance craft will be better prepared to mold its' future. Enthusiasm and passion drives our activity; leadership guides the journey. Take on an active role to pave the way. Callers and clubs which are properly motivated and well maintained will secure a better legacy for Square Dancing.



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Dan Prosser's Mainstream

Suggestions to help make this teaching method successful.

This technique of teaching is not the answer; it is just part of an answer to recruiting New Dancers and building or rebuilding a Club. Since changing the

Lists is not really practical, for many reasons, it seemed logical to work with what we have by changing the teaching method. If people are allowed to have fun during the learning process we can have our cake and eat it too, everybody wins. To use a cliché think outside of the box, because what we have always done is not working. This is a method that can and does work.

It is imperative that having the dancers mix every time they make up squares. This will improve the learning curve for the slower dancers. Keep their partners, but dance with other couples.

Please note this method of teaching does not encourage drilling the new dancers on a particular call. The dancers are merely taught the figure and dance it enough times that everyone is doing the call correctly. Then in many cases that is the only time during that dance session that they may dance that particular call. Calls with degrees of complexity will be taught one week, re-taught for the next two weeks and reviewed as needed. Singing Calls are a great tool for strengthening newly learned figures.

It is my strong suggestion to use the Long Line Concept for dancers the first tip of the evening. This encourages mixing and discourages cliques from forming. Even more important is that the weaker dancers do not end up in a square, all together, that first tip. Also, an added benefit is that the first tip of the session sets the tone for a person's success that session. If they are with weaker dancers for all of that time their evening many times is a disaster. Also some new dancers tend to come in late for many different reasons and that requires the instructor to take time to put additional squares together. With the Long Lines all that is needed is for an Angel couple to drop out or jump on the end of one of the lines with the people that just came in and the dancing continues.

If a person is having trouble with a new call being taught or one that is being reviewed all the instructor has to do is move that person by using trades and circulates to a position with three other dancers that are successfully doing the call properly.

When there are visitors it is also a great way to break the ice and get everyone acquainted quickly. If you use the lines in New Dancer Programs and even Plus Workshops you will be amazed by the positive comments.

These lines lend themselves to the Square formation much more than the Caecilian Circles concept and depending on room size the lines may fit better.

If there are too many people to form one set of lines in the head positions across the room, just make another set of lines behind them. To force the mix I often have the lines pass through at some time during the tip and say if you are facing someone pass through again and the others California Twirl.

You and the dancers never have to worry about partners and corners during this tip and many times people seem to dance a little better when they are not with

their partner. Interesting isn t it. You will find that the lines concept is an excellent review tool and their use is great for teaching new calls.

From time to time the dancers may end up with their partners and that is a great time to reinforce their success by commenting that, no one has made any mistakes so far, because if they notice, they all have their original partners back. But, at the end of the tip they will most probably not be with their original partner and that is okay.

Again, please remember that it is not good to drill the dancer with these calls, but allow them to dance through them successfully and move on to something else. You will see by the third and fourth weeks that very little instruction if any is needed for most calls. Other calls will be danced successfully by just giving a little head cue as they dance through the figure.

Always remember KEEP IT FUN! The people don't have to come to your program, but they will continue to come back week after week if they are having a good time.

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AMERICAN CALLERS' ASSOC. VIEWPOINTS

No.

By Patrick J. Demerath

Participation and Ownership is the Key

The American Callers' Association in its attempt to be of service to all callers, dancers, and associations has provided current, timely, and effective information on new dancer recruitment, winning ways to retain club dancers, and pitfalls that drive square dancers away. ACA really appreciates the positive comments, encouragement to continue, and contributions from callers and dancers all over North America and abroad to continue these initiatives. ACA will continue to provide information that will help the square dance community recruit, retain and retrieve square dancers as well as encourage the dancers to speak out on the cumbersome dance programs.

This article addresses pride in ownership and participation. It encourages people to take more of an active participation in their square dance associations and clubs. I would like to "thank" and "honor" Charles and Kitty Holley in Montgomery, Alabama, for the inspiration of this article and to encourage square dancers to "Rethink" their position and status in their square dancing activities.

Very recently Charlie Holley went through a serious cardiac heart surgery in Birmingham, Alabama. He recovered and is facing long-term therapeutic recovery, but the future looks great.

Charlie is an outstanding example of an "Unsung Hero" in square dancing. He started dancing in 1984. During these short 23 years of square dancing, Charlie has volunteered and held numerous leadership positions in square dancing. He was president of a square dance club in Prattville, Alabama. He was president of the Montgomery Area Square Dance Association in Montgomery, Alabama, for two consecutive terms. He was president of the Alabama Square and Round

Dance Association for two consecutive terms. He served as a delegate to the United Square Dancers of America for nine years of which he was the Vice President for the Central Region. He served as president of United Square Dancers of America (USDA) which is an outstanding organization dedicated to watching out for all square dancers. He was a founding member and voting delegate for the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS). I

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would also like to recognize and thank Ms. Kitty Holley who has worked unselfishly and hard to support all of Charlie's efforts for the betterment of square dancing.

In recovering from major heart surgery and serving square dancing so well from the ACA perspective, it can be said the Charlie gave his all and heart to square dancing. His recent recover is nothing short of a miracle brought forth by prayer from square dancers, family and friends. It could be argued that square dancers helped give Charlie his healthy heart back.

One night I went to visit Charlie at his rehabilitation facility. What was supposed to be short visit lasted over three hours. Charlie brought up the subject of the decline in the number of square dancers. He also said there is a more serious decline in the number of people who will serve and/or hold office in clubs and associations. Square dancers are failing to realize that when they belong to a square dance club or association that they also hold an ownership interest in that organization including the building, land, equipment, good will, etc.

What is the problem? Charlie believes that people are not interested and won't take an office in their organization or club, because they overlook their ownership responsibilities. Charlie is very passionate that square dancers need to create a "renewed pride" in their organization and do their share willingly to participate in the management of the organization. Charlie also believes that if we increase our pride for our clubs and associations that it will increase participation at all organizational levels. If you know Charlie personally, you will see that he is excited about serving again in an activity he loves so much as soon as he is strong enough. His excitement is contagious and encouraging.

Both Charlie and the American Callers' Association believe that if more dancers would rise up to the occasion, increase their pride in square dancing and serve in offices and assignments that this in itself would slow down the decline in the activity.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at Loulet@aol.com or Dr. Patrick Demerath at pdemerath@troy.edu. Please visit our website and newsletters at AmericanCallers.com/news.

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month at the Fondulac Park District Administration Bldg., 201 Veterans Dr. in East Peoria, Illinois. This very friendly club celebrated their 56th anniversary this past October. Due to the death of their last club caller (Ed Elder) in 2005, they book all guest callers, some local and several from out of state (to date, Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Idaho and Ohio).

In the past three years we have used multiple forms of advertizing, such as flyers, bumper stickers, demo's in malls, video on a small TV at a car show, lighted signs, a paid radio ad, an interview on local TV, and fun nights at churches. Last year a very nice article promoted square dancing, including colored photos was in the local Peoria Journal Star newspaper (Peoria, Illinois).

I believing the best advertizing is word of mouth, "one on one meeting." We recently thought of wearing Tee shirts with advertizing. Our tee shirts may be bought in color of choice with wording on back "ASK ME ABOUT SQUARE DANCING" with the phone number underneath. Our club has chosen yellow, due to club colors and Caterpillar colors, (black on yellow), and the phone number can either be the individuals or that of the instructor. We recently wore the shirts to a dance where dancers from other clubs attended and we had inquires where to buy shirts. One has to agree advertizing pays off (look at the success of Marlboro and Budweiser).

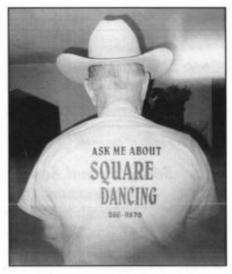
The shirts are \$6.00 each and we've also chosen to have a dancing couple on

upper left on front. They can be ordered in serveral different sizes. This is a great walking advertizement. Square dancing is gaining membership and would be great if attendance at national convention could reach that attending the Louisville convention in 1983 of over 30,000 dancers.

Anyone interested in more detail on buying shirts contact Rick Clayton (421 N. Kansas Street, Morton, Illinois 61550; phone 309-635-4999).

Hopefully if anyone has additional ideas, they will submit them to the magazine.

Evelyn and Novis Franklin



45th Anniversary

On October 13, 2006, the Star Thru Squares of Lakewood, New Jersey cel-

ebrated their 45th anniversary as a square and round dance club. The club's caller, Manny Amor, who has been their club caller for all 45 years, celebrated his 1,458th calling date for the club.

The hall was decorated with 111 original flyers of past dances, specials, classes, and coming events, and the history of the clubs past was noted all over the hall in these flyers. The stage was decorated with 45 rpms and a banner proclaiming "45 years of Fun" Also there was a listing of 45 different figures that were workshopped sometime in the past, and the numerals 45 were scattered throughout the hall.



Caller Manny Amor

One of the original charter members, Aurora Steig was present and was honored, and all of the singing calls that night were tunes of the 1960s. The dance was chaired by Pete and Beat Humphris, who also contributed artwork for this dance. Nine squares, plus attended the celebration and everyone is looking forward to "50."

Squarely yours,

Fred Chagrin Secretary, Star Thru Squares

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It was not until 1980 that they would receive their charter from the state of Tennessee as the "Little T Squares" and today can boast as the largest square dance club in the state. With the addition of a newly graduated class of 41, it will bring their total to just over 160 active members.

One member, Ron Marion, who is also the caller, has been the real impetus for the club since it's inception. Ron and his wife Pat, began square dancing when he was in the U.S. Navy in 1972. After 20 years in the service, they moved to Maryville, so he could finish his degree requirements at the University of Tennessee. They continued to be very active in the Western Square Dance movement.

It wasn't long until Ron was bitten by the "calling bug" and with the encouragement of another caller and friends, Ron began his calling career. He went on to make several square dance records on the Pioneer Label. Ron now calls for only the Little Ts, where he remains the only club caller they have had in their 31 years existence. Regional and national callers are scheduled for at least one dance a month. Dances are held the first, third and fifth Fridays of every month.

The official folk dance for the State of Tennessee is square dancing. There are approximately 65 clubs across the state in more than 35 communities. Round dancing and lines are also included in the Little T's agenda.

The 41 recent graduates included several adolescents, most of whom, are home schooled. Square dancing satisfies requirements for a certain amount of physical activity in their curriculum, and they really enjoy it; their attendance helped attract other youngsters to the classes.

If you're passing through East Tennessee, and want to enjoy a night of good food, fun, fellowship and dancing, stop by the Memorial Building on B Street, in Lenoir City on 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday from 8:00 to 10:30pm.

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The Fashion Show will be presented in the upscale, tiered 300 seat Theatre of the Convention Centre on Friday July 18, 2008 at 5:00pm. If you have a home sewn outfit that you would like to model in the fashion show please look for the entry form on our website www.swosda.ca/2008 or email Liz Dickens at ldickens@sympatico.ca.

We welcome families, couples or singles as models. New trends in square dance and round dance fashions are evolving. Prairie skirts and peasant blouses will be included along with traditional square dance attire. We are now accepting entries. All forms must be received prior to June 16, 2008 in order to be included in the show.

The Worship Service will be held at First-St. Andrew's United Church (just two blocks from the Convention Centre) on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at 4:00pm. The Church will be open at 3:00pm for dancers who may wish to preview this beautiful historic building. Offerings from the service will be given to First-St. Andrew's for their Outreach Programs. All those interested in Choir, or individual participation, or wishing to play an instrument, please contact Organist and Choir Director Dan Weatherby (Square Dance Caller) at email: d.weatherby@sympatico.ca; or mail - 260 Winston Blvd., Cambridge, On. N3C 1M5.

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Thank You and Happy Dancing

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Peek Into a Caller's Record Case Lori Morin

Lori Morin of Chepachet, Rhode Island has always had a passion for square dancing, in fact she just loves to dance. She has been dancing traditional (barn dances) and contras since she was a young girl. She met Dave at a barn dance and they dated through high school. In 1966 they married and shortly afterwards her mother got them involved in Modern Western Square Dancing and they are still dancing when she isn't calling.

She called her first tip at Dick Leger's Amateur Callers Night twenty years ago and has been calling ever since. In addition to attending Dick's timing schools, Lori has also attended Al Robert's *Mental Image*, Al Brundage and Earl Johnston's *Caller School*, and *Colorado Callers School* with John Kwaiser, Jerry Junck and Tony Oxendine.

Lori served as secretary of the Narragansett Callers, Association for nine years and two years as president. She also belongs to The Connecticut Caller Association, New England Council of Callers Association and has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1989 She is currently serving on the following CALLERLAB committees, CCTD, Education, Mainstream and RPM. And has attended nine CALLERLAB Conventions. Another one of her achievements is recording for Silver Sounds Records.

Seventeen years ago Lori and Dave started their own Caller Run Club (Ruffles 'N Beaus) where she teaches square and round dancing and many mixers. Ruffle 'N Beaus is an easy level Mainstream club for the dancer who has worked all

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week and just longs for a fun night of square dancing. Ruffles 'N Beaus classes are open so new dancers may join anytime during the season and are always welcome at their club dances. Lori and Dave also run The Lori Morin/Joe Casey. Basic/EZ Mainstream Weekend in New Hampshire.

Being the only lady Modern western Square Dance Caller in Rhode Island, Lori enjoys teaching squares and rounds for their club as well as calling fun nights and calling and entertaining for clubs all over New England. She typically tries to make each visit special for every club, calling their favorite yodeling numbers or changing into a different outfit for a song or theme. She says. "I love to take a figure and add a little twist and make it fun and easy."

Besides teaching, calling, cueing, dancing, entertaining, running a home and being both Mom and Grammy, Lori owns and operates her own Beauty Salon in Chepachet. She is the mother of three and grandmother of seven.

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From Bob Howell



I'm going to open the column this month with the simplest mixer that I know. It is the first one that I ever used as a beginning caller and it works beautifully today. It is called - - -

Glow Worm

Formation: Couples in circle facing CCW with men on left. Inside hands are joined.

Music: Glow Worm FDCD-056

Footwork: Opposite. Directions for the man.

FORWARD, 2, 3, 4;

Starting with left foot walk forward four steps and face partner on last step.

BACK, 2, 3, 4;

Back away from partner four steps.

FORWARD, 2, 3, 4;

Man angles to lady at left and walks forward four steps to face her (new partner).

TURN, 2, 3, 4;

Hook right elbows and turn four steps ending to face in LOD.

Many times at a one night stand program one runs into a gender balance situation. Following is aroutine written by Hope Pennock of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada which doesn't consider any sexual identification by those participating. It comes from the book, "Dancing For Fun" which is available from Jim New, #101 - 100 Foxhaven Dr. Sherwood Park, AB T8A 6B6, Canada.

Montego Bay Trio Dance

Formation: 3'3s facing 3'3s, actives facing LOD, inactives facing RLOD like spokes of a wheel, hands joined when possible. All start LF.

Music: "Montego Bay" - Amazula 97052 - Island Records

Routine:

Intro: Wait 16 beats

Beats

1-8 2 VINE KICK Step LF to L side,

> step RF XIB LF, step LF to L side, kick RF XIF LF: Repeat opposite feet;

2-8 CIRCLE LEFT 1/2 All 6 join hands.

circle L 1/2 to two lines:



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3-8 2 VINE KICK

Repeat #1;

4-8 ARCH AND UNDER Person on the R moves under the arch made by the middle and left persons; at the same time, the person on the left moves across and over the middle person who has to turn 1/2 while still holding hands; Everyone is now facing a new line of three.

Here is a great square dance written by the late Ted Sannella. He named it - - -

Separate And Join The Sides

Formation: Square Music: Hoedown

Routine:

Head two couples balance and swing (12)

*Side couples right & left through (8)

**Heads separate and join the sides (in two lines of four) (4)

Forward eight and back (8)

Forward again and pass thru, turn alone (8)

Opposite ladies chain (over and back) (16)

Promenade (new part.) to gent's home (16)

Repeat again for heads, then sides twice.

*this action begins after first 6 cts.

**this action takes place during last 4 cts. of the right & left.

And we'll polish off this month's column with an old timer by the late Ralph Page. He called it the - - -

Fiddle Hill Jig

Formation: Duple minor. 1, 3, 5,etc. active and crossed over.

Music: 32 bar jig

Routine:

Do-si-do the one below (8)

Actives do-si-do your own (8)

Allemande left the one below,

Actives swing in the center (16)

Down the center four in line (8) Turn alone, the same way home (8)

Circle four to the left (8)

Back with a left hand star (8)



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CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPI

From Lee & Steve Kopman



This months article will be somewhat challenging for your dancers for a few reasons. The concept of working on a diagonal box will be new terminology for them. And the quick set-up we used, in most cases having dancers pass the ocean from lines with same sexes will be new. But, it's a lot of fun for the dancers. Have fun!

- 1) HEADS pass thru separate around 1 to a line pass the ocean BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, circulate girls trade, centers trade hinge right and left grand
- 2) SIDES pass thru separate around 1 to a line pass the ocean BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX. circulate centers trade girls trade LEFT square thru 4 left allemande
- 3) Sides lead right and circle to a line pass thru Centers step forward, ends slide together behind them leads trade single circle to a wave BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, circulate swing thru boys trade square thru 4 right and left grand
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5) SIDES pass thru
separate around 1 to a line
pass the ocean
BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
walk and dodge
centers run & roll
{new} CENTERS trade and roll
double pass thru
cloverleaf
zoom
CENTERS swing thru 1 & 1/2

right and left grand

- 6) HEADS star thru and spread pass the ocean GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX, walk and dodge CENTERS hinge diamond circulate TWICE flip the diamond cast off 3/4 LEFT swing thru right and left grand
- Heads lead right and circle to a line pass the ocean split circulate

BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, scoot back
GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX, walk and dodge
CENTERS walk and dodge
tag the line
leads u turn back
right and left thru
swing thru
right and left grand

- 8) Heads lead right and circle to a line pass thru tag the line peel off pass the ocean split circulate BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, circulate ALL scoot back centers trade boys trade square thru 2 right and left grand
- HEADS pass thru
 separate around 1 to a line
 pass the ocean
 GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
 circulate
 {ALL} split circulate

swing thru acey deucey extend, right and left grand

10) SIDES pass thru
separate around 1 to a line
pass the ocean
GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
circulate
{ALL} scoot back
acey deucey
girls trade
split circulate
extend, right and left grand

11) SIDES star thru and spread pass the ocean GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX, walk and dodge BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, walk and dodge 1/2 tag acey deucey circulate, right and left grand

12) HEADS star thru and spread pass the ocean BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, circulate GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX, circulate



CENTERS trade girls trade box the gnat square thru 4 right and left grand

13) SIDES star thru and spread pass the ocean
BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX, walk and dodge
GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX, walk and dodge
tag the line leads trade touch 1/4 boys trade square thru 4 right and left grand

14) Heads lead right and circle
to a line
pass the ocean
split circulate
BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
scoot back
GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
circulate
centers trade
cast off 3/4
extend, right and left grand

15) Sides lead right and circle
to a line
pass the ocean
split circulate
BOYS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
walk and dodge
GIRLS on a DIAGONAL BOX,
circulate
1/2 tag
swing thru
circulate, right and left grand

THE KOREO KORNER

From Steve Kopman



Let's stay with the diagonal box theme this month with one other twist. Enjoy.

HEADS lead right and circle to a line

HEADS on a DIAGONAL BOX, right and left thru

THEN:

- slide thru pass thru, left allemande
- 2) LEFT square thru 2 left allemande
- pass the ocean scoot back right and left grand

- touch 1/4 girls run square thru on the 3rd hand right and left grand
- 5) pass thru tag the line, face in pass the ocean right and left grand

I can remember the "good 'ole days" when Bobby and Sissy glided across the tv screen during the Lawrence Welk Show. The This & That Squares have their own version of skilled dancers. Norm and Terry Koharski stood out with cued round dancing skills plus the many others who attended the family picnic at Father Baker Manor in Orchard Park,



New York. The picnic had a Ringling Brothers, Barnum Bailey atmosphere with its big top. Our enemy was Mother Nature. It was a dark and windy day. It refused to rain, but the occasional gust of wind was another story. The women had a hard time controlling their skirts and records and paperwork went flying, during one gust. The microphone smashed on the blacktop and is now in "microphone heaven."

Richard M. Hoesel

Your Rovin' Corners

Jim and Betsy travel across the US and around the world, dancing and promoting dancing. Each month we share with you our experiences and thoughts. This month we want to talk about people who give of themselves in square dancing

"Glad you are here! Did you bring your records?"

This was how Dennis Ray, caller for the Huntsville Promenaders SDC greeted Eberhard and Traudel Walz. Eberhard and Traudel were here in Texas for a brief visit so we took them (where else?) Square Dancing. The annual "Go Texan" dance by the Conroe Country Cousins, a regular Monday dance night with the Promenaders and a Tuesday evening with Lake Livingston Levis and Lace. Wayne Morvent, caller for LLLL greeted Eberhard and Traudel



Jim and Betsy - Your Rovin' Corners

in German. Wayne learned to call in Germany and called there many years.

Dennis Ray was suffering from allergies and hoarseness, but kept his usual sparkle and fine teaching style. He was really happy for Eberhard to give him a chance to rest his voice when Eberhard called a guest tip. The Hunstville Promenaders had heard about the Russian clubs and donated many square dance outfits, including several petticoats. This supplemented the wonderful clothing donations from Jack and Martha Jaremco from Florida. The new Russian dancers do not have a source of supply for square dance clothing and paraphernalia.

Traudel and Eberhard were so impressed by the reception accorded them everywhere we took them! Texas square dancers welcomed them, just as Betsy and Jim have so often been welcomed into square dance groups where ever they have been.

We all know that the motto of square dancing is "Friendship Set To Music." We also know that the greatest reward of square dancing is the friends we meet and dance with. Of course this is not possible without many people giving and helping in square dancing. One of the most beautiful things about square dancing

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is that it requires eight people (and a caller) to work together to make it happen. That is why square dancing is never competitive! Each dancer in the square is dependent upon the others—to follow commands accurately, and to be aware of his or her correct position in the square. Of course, we all get hints and directions from each other when we are dancing. Now I am not talking about being "assistant caller" or anything like that, I just mean the subtle

hand pressure, the occasional pointing, and even the rare calling out of a name. And when all else fails we get into lines and pick up the next "up to the center and back" or "Left Allemand."

We have other ways to assist one another in square dancing. Volunteering to be an angel is perhaps the most common. You might get a square together in someone's garage to let a newer caller practice. Dancing as guinea pigs in a caller school is one of the more selfless things you can do. Our neighbor and budding caller, Scott Henry, needed work, so we convened eight willing dancers for a couple of hours of practice for him.

Regular readers of this column know



Eberhard and Traudel Walz standing in front of a Texas Flag. They enjoyed their visit to the USA.

Eberhard Walz, from Germany who took as his mission in life to export square dancing from Germany to Russia. He has helped start four clubs in Russia and is creating callers and dancers. This is another example of the selfless spirit that permeates square dancing. Yes, some people just dance for their own pleasure, but most dancers and callers are infused with the passion for the activity that builds and sustains dancing. Do you regularly express your appreciation to your caller for all of his or her hard work, diligence, and study? It is sometimes easy to believe that callers just call for the pleasure of it, as they all express joy in the dance. For many callers, the only thing they get from their clubs is an occasional "thank you" from the floor.

Betsy and Jim are at Jimbetsy@aol.com and we would love to hear from you!

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Take a at what is just released...

As You Like

Phase III+2 (aida & turn. basic) - Bolero - STAR 130B Como Tu Quieres - Bill and Martha Buck

Great music and nice to see a Phase III routine written to this music. Openings outs, u/arm and reverse u/arm turns, hip lift and all basic bolero figures.

I've Got You Under My Skin

Phase V+2 - Foxtrot - CD: Moonlight Serenade Track 2 Carly Simon - Bill and Carol Goss

One of the nicest dances written recently, a real winner in our opinion. Dance starts in escort with front balances and brush sequence and the lady transitions. Other figures are closed hover, feathers, zig zag, ronde, double top spin. A portion of this dance is done in open. Dance fits the music to a "T". Don't pass this one up.

I Can See Clearly Now

Phase III - Cha Cha - CD We Are All One The Best of Jimmy Cliff (music has been slowed slightly) - Ron and Ree Rumble

Routine has basic Phase III cha figures. Also has a turn in 2 and back cha's, and a figure 8, and merengue. Ending is point side and hold.

Mr. Trumpet Man

Phase II+2 (str. vine, trav. door) - 2 Step - Frank Mills 25 Years of Piano Magic After You "Mr. Trumpet Man" - Jeannette and Bob Knowles

Good music to a nice 2 step. Part A has Charleston sequence, and has broken box and strolling vine. Part B has scoot and walks & stomp. Ending is left turning box.

Shame On Me

Phase IV+1 (open hip twist) - Cha Cha - CD Bobby Bare the Essential Track 2 Shame On Me - Jeannette and Bob Knowles

Intro has sweethearts, crabwalks, spot turn, circle cha, cuddles and all basic cha cha figures. Ending is lady turn and wave bye.

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Old Bridges

Phase IV+2 (nat. top/open hip twist) – Rumba – Atlantic America 7-99485 Old Bridges Burn Slow – Jeannette and Bob Knowles

Nice basic rumba. Has alemana, sliding door, fencelines, full natural top, kiki walk. Ending is 2 side closes side corte.

Carmen-Carmela

Phase IV+1(nat. hvr x) – Hi Hat 956 – Foxtrot – Jeannette and Bob Knowles We have always liked this music. Dance has reverse wave, impetus, diamond turn, quick diamond turn in 4, x hovers, drag hesitation. Ending quick twisty 4 and lunge.

Forgive Me, My Love

Phase IV+1 (sweethearts) – Rumba – Special Press flip of Maria Elena Waltz contact choreographers for music – Richard and Jo Anne Lawson Suggested speed for this routine is 49. Timing is quite tricky in this routine, but nicely done. Figures in the routine are explode, hip rocks, crab walks, fence line, sweethearts, shadow New Yorkers. Ending is prom. sway and change sway.

The following seven routines were written by Daisuke and Tamae Doi (all music available on MP3 File from Choreographer – CD PEPE PD-0008):

Old Black Joe

Phase III+2 (hest. chge, dia. trn) - Foxtrot - Track 3

Portion of part A is done in shadow, with the woman transitioning. Shadow turns, chasse rolls, hest. change, diamond turn, whisk, wing, hovers. Ending is quick thru to chair.

Swan Lake

Phase V+1 (Rudolph ronde)+2 (Alternating Cross Body, Checked Right Pass) – Bolero – Track 4

Lunge roll across, to shadow, shad. fence line, and shad. crabwalks, shad. spot turns, sweethearts, shad. breaks, contra break, alt. x body, half moon, riff turn. Includes many basic bolero figures. Ending is side cross lunge. Lovely bolero.

My Clarinet

Phase IV+2 (fwd tipple chase, stutter) – Quickstep – Track 13 Quarter turn prog. chasse, running locks, in and out runs, quick weave 4. Part B has Charleston sequence. Nicely done.

To the Joy

Phase IV+2 (link whip turn, mooch) +1 (hammerlock) – Jive – Track 6 Basic jive figures in this routine. Also includes a hammerlock, pretzel turn with sailor shuffle end, mooch. A solid phase IV routine.

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Meditation From Thais

Phase IV+2 (half moon, contra break) - Bolero - Track 11

Turning basic to lunge break, cross body, half moon, rev. u/a turn to a wrap. Sweetheart run 2, u/a turn to cuddle, hip lift, synco hip rocks. Ending is side cross lunge.

On the Wings Of Song

Phase IV+2 - Waltz - Track 14

Intro lunge apt and lady rolls to closed position. Some of the figures in part A are: weave, cross pivot, cross swivels, hes. change, in and out runs, whiplash. Part B has develope, quick open finish. Part C has closed wing and a mod. rev. wing to viennese crosses.

Rumba Jupiter

Phase IV+2 (spiral, cuddle) – Rumba – Mai Sound Sala-3502 – CD Track 1 Slow circle to butterfly and quick side recover is the intro. Other rumba steps included in the routine are: sliding door, back wheel, wrap to man's skaters, back wheel, woman wrap to skaters. Also has develope, cross body ending and reverse serpiente.

Hello Memory

Phase IV+2 (contra check & dbl rev. spin) – Waltz – Special CD Shall We Dance 11 availabe from choreo. – Kenji and Nobuko Shibata

Very nice waltz routine. Intro has hover, box finish. Part A has included with basic waltz figures, whiplash, contra check, double rev. spin, turning side hover. Ending is slow oversway, slow rise right lunge and hold.

How'd I Wind Up In Jamaica

Phase IV - Cha Cha - CD RCA 07863-67073 Tracy Byrd or download from Walmart.com - David Talbott

Intro has shoulder to shoulder, New Yorker in 4. Basic cha figures included cross body, New Yorker, time and spot, umbrella turn, double peek-a-boo chase. Ending is aida and explode arms. Nice cha cha routine.

CUE TIPS

Selected by Fran & Jim Kropf



"Shame On Me" for all the "Things" I have done and said That has hurt your feelings in the past.

Shame On Me

Choreographer: Jeannette & Bob Knowles, 6230 SE 135th St., Summerfield, FL CD: Bobby Bare: The Essential, Track 2, "Shame On Me" (Available at iTunes)

Rhythm/Phase: Cha Cha IV+1 (Open Hip Twist) Speed: 47 RPM

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

INTRO

(shadow wall) WAIT 2 MEAS;; SWEETHEART; SWEETHEART (LADY FC);

PART A

1/2 BASIC; WHIP (coh); CRAB WKS (lod);; N YRKR; SPOT TRN; HND to HND (2);; 1/2 BASIC; WHIP (wall); CRAB WKS (rev);; N YRKR; SPOT TRN; HND to HND (2);;

PART B

BASIC;; BRK BK (OP); WK 2-CHA; SLIDING DOOR (2);; CIRC CHA (HNDSHK);; OP HIP TWIST to a FAN;; ALEM;; LARIAT;; CUDDLES (2);;

PART C

1/2 BASIC; WHIP (coh); CRAB WKS (lod);; N YRKR; SPOT TRN; 1/2 BASIC; WHIP (wall); CHASE PEEK-A-BOO;;;; OP BRK; SPOT TRN; FENCELINE (2);;

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PART D

BASIC;; BRK BK (OP); WK 2-CHA; SLIDING DOOR (2);; CIRC CHA (bfly);; BRK BK to FWD TRIPLE CHAS;; RK FWD to BK TRIPLE CHAS (fc);; REV U'ARM TRN; U'ARM TRN (to shadow wall); CUCARACHA (2);;

END

Things

Choreographers: Michael and Regina Schmidt, Lebensbaumweg 21, 50767

Köln, Germany

Record: CD, Dancelife - Moondance, Track 9

Rhythm & Phase: Twostep II +2 (Corte, Figure 8) +1 (Twisty Box)

Timing: Q, Q, S

Sequence: INTRO - A - B - A - B - A - B - END

INTRO

WAIT 2;; Apart & Point; Tog & Touch;

PART A

Face To Face; Back To Back; Face To Face; Sciss Away; Fwd, Lock, Fwd 3 Times;;; Sciss Thru; Lace Up 3 Meas;;; Sciss Away; Fwd, Lock, Fwd 3 Times;;; Sciss Thru:

PART B

Sliding Door; Sliding Door (Man in Front); Sliding Door; Sd, Draw Close; Sciss to Face; (Twisty Box) Twist 2; Half Box Fwd; Twist 2; Half Box back; (Figure 8) Circle Away; Circle tog pass R shlds; circle Away; Circle tog;

END

Face to Face; Back to Back to OP; Fwd, Lock, Fwd twice;; Double hitch;; Circle Away 2 Two steps;; Strut tog in 4;; 2 Fwd Two steps;; Quick Corte -

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED



By Ed Foote

A Tip For Better Dancing

If you break down, get to normal facing lines. Most dancers know that a caller will often get the floor back to normal (boy-girl couples) facing lines, so as to pick up those who have broken down. Dancers who break down and get to facing lines will thus be able to resume dancing sooner than those who wait in a squared set for the next Left Allemande.

Obviously, common sense says that those waiting to be picked up in facing lines must look at the rest of the floor so as to know when everyone has facing lines. Then they can resume dancing. So I am constantly amazed at the number of squares which get to facing lines and then start doing calls the caller is giving without looking to see if the floor is in facing lines. Naturally, these people immediately break down again within a few seconds, because they are working from a different formation than what the caller is using.

As a caller, when I see a square break down, I do not immediately bring the floor to facing lines. I wait to see if the broken-down square will form facing lines, because some people will just stand there in a squared set and do nothing. Once I see the square moving to form lines, then I start moving the floor to lines.

For me to get the floor to facing lines, this may take a few calls to accomplish, and often one of the calls used is a Slide thru or a Star Thru. If the broken-down square which has formed lines immediately reacts to one of these calls without checking if the rest of the floor is in facing lines, the square is doomed, because the dancers have taken themselves out of facing lines just as I am working the floor to get to facing lines. At this point I give up on this square.

Dancers must remember that making facing lines is only the first half of the solution. They also have to be alert to when the rest of the floor gets to facing lines, and not start to do calls until they see the floor in facing lines.

Two quotes recently caught my attention. The first is from Jim Lee, one of the leading Canadian callers. He says: "It is vital for new dancers to (1) slide your feet and (2) touch hands. I rarely see any newer dancers (dancing for less than five years) sliding and touching – mostly it's stomp and grab."

The second quote comes from Don Conrad, a long-time caller from Columbus, Ohio. He says: "If a dancer learns what he/she must know at any dance program, they will have fun. Dancers who do not have fun generally have not become proficient at that program."

THE COUNTRY LINE

By Mike Salerno

Over the course of these articles, I frequently mention the National Teacher's Association for Country Western Dance (NTA). What is the NTA? Its website states that the "NTA is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1986, to promote Country Western dancing, establish communication among dance teachers, develop standardized terminology and school figures, and develop and maintain high standards for teachers to more effectively instruct others in the art and practice of Country Western dancing. The NTA is a professional organization with members from all over the world which is able to serve dance teachers and dancers alike."

I have been a member since the mid-1990's. My wife and I are currently the State Co-Directors of Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma for the NTA. We also serve on the Dance Committee of the NTA. The organization is not limited to instructors, but is for anyone that wants to learn to dance better.

Here are some of the things that make a dancer look better:

- Proper foot positions
- Good posture and poise
- An understanding of the mechanics of how each movement works
- Application of basic technique

Do you have to use these items to do a line dance? Obviously not, but any dancer that applies these concepts looks better and dances with ease. If you see someone that looks really good on the dance floor, they are assuredly applying these concepts whether consciously or just naturally. If you would like more information about the NTA, visit its website at www.nationalteachersassoc.com, or you can contact me at the address below.

This month's dance is an older dance that dancers always enjoy. I hope you enjoy this dance. If you have any questions about this dance or a suggestion for a future column, please contact me at PO Box 2685, Topeka, Kansas 66601-2685. I can also be reached via email at **KSDanceguy@aol.com**. Until next time, I will save you a spot on the dance floor.

This Month's Line Dance: X Out

Basic Steps (Official NTA Definitions):

Coaster Step: A triple step that changes direction forward and back. Stepping backwards in 4th position on count 1, stepping backwards with other foot bringing the feet together in 1st position on the & count, and stepping forward with the beginning foot in 4th position on count 2. The first two steps of the movement are

executed on the balls of the feet with weight slightly forward.

Diagonal: 45 degrees away from the center of the Line of Dance (direction).

Pivot Turn: A change of direction turn in the opposite direction of the forward foot in 5th position. Usually making 180° turn, returning or replacing the weight to the original foot.

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

Scuff: To brush the heel forward.

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

Stomp: To step with a change of weight.

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

Twist Turn: From a lock in 2nd position with the foot crossed either in front or behind, turn on the balls of both feet making a 1/2 turn.

* Prompting Cues are in Bold Lettering

NAME: X Out

DESCRIPTION: 32 Count 4 Wall Beginner/Intermediate Line Dance

CHOREOGRAPHER: Scott Lanius MUSIC TEMPO SUGGESTIONS:

Slow - Last Dollar (Fly Away) by Tim McGraw (104 BPM)

Medium - High Maintenance Woman by Toby Keith (123 BPM)

Fast - Geronimo by James T. Horn (140 BPM) or Any Slow to Moderate Tempo

COUNTS/STEP DESCRIPTION

Step Diagonal, Touch/Snap, Step Center, Touch/Clap, Step Diagonal Back, Touch/Snap, Step Center with a 1/2 Turn Left, Touch

1-2) Step Right Foot to Forward Right Diagonal, Touch Left Foot Beside Right Foot, Snap Fingers

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- 3-4) Step Left Foot to Back Left Diagonal (Center), Touch Right Foot Beside Left Foot, Clap Hands
- 5-6) Step Right Foot to Back Right Diagonal, Touch Left Foot Beside Right Foot, Snap Fingers
- 7) Step Left Foot to Forward Left Diagonal (Center) with Toe turned Left in 5th Position
- 8) Pivot a 1/2 Turn Left on Ball of Left Foot, Touch Right Foot Beside Left Foot

Step Diagonal, Touch/Snap, Step Center, Touch/Clap, Step Diagonal Back, Touch/Snap, Step Center with a 1/2 Turn Left, Point

- 9-10) Step Right Foot to Forward Right Diagonal, Touch Left Foot Beside Right Foot, Snap Fingers
- 11-12) Step Left Foot to Back Left Diagonal (Center), Touch Right Foot Beside Left Foot, Clap Hands
- 13-14) Step Right Foot to Back Right Diagonal, Touch Left Foot Beside Right Foot, Snap Fingers
- 15) Step Left Foot to Forward Left Diagonal (Center) with Toe turned Left in 5th Position
- 16) Pivot a 1/2 Turn Left on Ball of Left Foot, Point Right Toe to Right Side

Cross, Point, Cross, Step, Stomp, Scuff, Cross, 1/2 Twist Turn

- 17-18) Cross/Step Right Foot in Front of Left Foot, Point Left Toe to Left Side
- 19-20) Cross/Step Left Foot in Front of Right Foot, Step Right Foot Backwards
- 21-22) Stomp Left Foot Forward, Scuff Right Heel Forward
- 23) Cross/Step Right Toe in Front of Left Foot (Locked 2nd Position)
- 24) Pivot a 1/2 Turn Left on Balls of Both Feet, Transferring Weight to Left Foot

Kick, Kick, Coaster Step, Kick, Kick, Coaster Step

25-26) Kick Right Foot Forward, Kick Right Foot Forward

27&28) Step Right Foot Backwards, Step Left Foot Beside Right Foot, Step Right Foot Forward

29-30) Kick Left Foot Forward, Kick Left Foot Forward

31&32) Step Left Foot Backwards, Step Right Foot Beside Left Foot, Step Left Foot Forward

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MOORE ON CONTRA



By Paul Moore

A New England Chestnut

This column started out to be about two classic New England contra dances, but as I started my research, I came across a marvelous book I had almost forgotten. Roger Knox, of Ithaca, New York, photocopied pages from the Stockton, California, folk dance camp and from Ralph Page's Northern Junket.

One of the dances I wanted to cover is *Money Musk*, and I struck gold in Roger's book with Ralph's description of *Money Musk*. So here it is, straight from the typewriter of the grand master of New England contra dancing. [A quick note, when Ralph presented a dance in print, he usually hand-wrote the lead-sheet for musicians. It is in the original article, but I will not include it here.]

Money Musk: Regular contra dance formation. Six or nine couples in a set make an ideal combination. 1st, 4th and 7th couples active. Do NOT cross over to become an active couple.

THE DANCE

Right hand to partner, turn once and a half around (8)

Go below one couple and forward six and back (4+2+2)

Right hand to partner, turn three quarters around (6)

Forward six once more and back (2+2)

Right hand to partner, turn three quarters around to place (6)

Right and left four. (with couple above) (16)

[Note: the numbers in parentheses indicate how many beats per action]

Here's how you do it

Some of you will run into trouble right off. The call is to go once and a half around. Think a minute. If you went once around you'd be exactly where you started – right? So, if you go half around from there you'll be directly across the set from where you started. That's where you ought to be. That's once and a half around. Now go behind the nearest person; go a bit below that person and stand between that same person and the next below. Join hands – with both of them – take two short steps forward and two steps back. The active man will be between two ladies, and the active lady between two men. Think nothing of it, for you'll not be there long.

From this position, walk toward your partner, join right hands with partner and turn three quarters. Here's where most novices get fouled up. Again, stop and reason it out. If you made one complete turn you'd be where you started the turn –

right? Half way around would be opposite to where you are standing – right? Then three quarters round be half way between the two terms. The active man will have his back to the caller; the active lady will be facing the caller, and you will both be in the middle of the set. Join hands with nearest people, take two short steps forward and two short steps back.

Now step toward your partner, join right hand with partner, turn three quarters around and head for home. There SHOULD be a convenient hole over there, between the second and third couples; or fifth and sixth if you're a fourth couple. Go and stand in the space and do a right and left over and back with the person above you.

The right and left movement with two men and two ladies side by side ought to offer no difficulties, but it always does to the novice. If the person beside was of the opposite sex how would you do it? Alright (sic), then do it exactly the same now without benefit of helping each other around when reaching the opposite side. [Note: all directions are given to the active dancers – couples 1, 4, 7, etc. The inactives must counter-dance.]

About the dance

[Note: Ralph included two hand drawn images in the text – this one of the thistle, Scotland's national flower, was inserted here. The second image was of a Scottish piper.]

Seems like everybody who ever heard of a contra dance wants to learn *Money Musk*. Often it's the first contra they attempt, and after getting gloriously mixed up decide then and there that contra dances aren't for them and stand steadfast in their determination. Did you ever run a hundred yard dash the first time you walked? Then why do you expect to dance *Money Musk* the first contra you try.



Money Musk is not easy; neither is it too difficult. The steps are based on split second timing though, and therein lies much of your difficulty. To make matters a lot worse – about one hundred (sic) years ago in this part of New Hampshire the people dropped eight measures of music, tho (sic) retaining the same number of figures. So you are doing and 32 measure dance to 24 measures of music. Done correctly you'll not have to run; but you will have to keep moving.

The dance comes to us from Scotland, and originally was known as "Sir Archibald Grant of Moniemusk Reel." The name was unwieldy and was soon shortened. The name "Moniemusk" was that of an estate. The first 16 measures make up the original tune, written by Daniel or Donald Dow, a musician of note who died in Edinburgh in 1783. It was first published in "McGoun's Repository of Scots and Irish airs, Strathspeys, Reels, etc.; Glasgow, 1803" 'tis a fine dance and one of our favorites.

[One last Note: anything in brackets is my commentary. Paul]



What it was, was a Square Dance!

By Wink Tidwell © January 2007

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Buddy of mine was going Somewhere, He said, "tag along & have not a Care!" We drove a lot that Amazing Night, Until we got to this Wonderful Site! Glory be! It was an ole Dance Hall, Ain't nobody there knew ME at All! They was a mighty friendly Group, Rushed to greet us, all that Troop! The gents shook my hand & by Heck, The ladies, they all hugged my Neck! Then came the music of a Country Fiddle, somebody hollered "Circle up in the Middle!" A pretty gal dragged me out on the Floor, Said, "Honey I've surely done this Before!" All joined hands in a great big Ring, & did the bidding of a man who could Sing! We circled left & whooped & Hollered, Folks pulled me 'round & 'course I Follered! Next that gal taught me how to Swang, Sure was fun with that pretty little Thang! They broke us up into couples of Four, & showed us how to do a lot More! From a circle to a Square of right nice Folk, Trick was to hold on & not get "Broke!" So much fun & golly we'd Prance, Yep, a grand ole Country Square Dance! If you want Pleasure & just Great Fun, Go to a Square Dance, you Son-of-a-Gun! I will Return & I'll bring some More, Gotta git back on that Square Dance Floor!

























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POINT OF ORDER



From Kappie Kappenman

Finding The Right Caller For Your Club

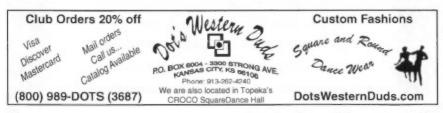
by Debi Bliss

Every once in awhile it becomes necessary to find a new caller. Change of any type is difficult and finding a new caller is not always an easy task. Some areas are limited by the availability of callers, but as long as your choice is more than just one there are a couple of things to keep in mind when deciding on a new caller.

- 1) You are not going to make everybody happy so get over that right away. I have yet to see a club who didn't have at least one member that threatened to quit if such-and-such caller was hired. Don't let this concern you, simply count this as a no vote that carries no more weight than any other vote. It may be in the best interest to lose one club member in order to make the club happier as a whole than to give in to the pressure from this one person only to find that others quietly slip away.
- 2) Determine the characteristics of your club. This is the time to take a good hard look at what kind of club you do have and decide if that is what you want or if it is time to make some changes. It's not enough to just say, "We are a Mainstream Club" or "We are a Plus Club" and then find a caller based on that one item.

Clubs have a personality of their own. I've labeled each of the three types but it is important to realize that no label is better than the next. People dance for different reasons and when dancers gather at a club with the same goals in mind then the only important issue is that they are having fun. You will even find that clubs are really a combination characteristics but generally there is one characteristic that describes them best. Once you have determined what your main characteristic is and how important additional characteristics are, you can begin to successfully find the caller that will fit your club.

- a) Social Club This club is generally close-knit. They enjoy chatting with each other and it may even appear as if dancing is just something they do between visiting. Dancing for them is not supposed to be a challenge to the mind but a joy to the feet.
- **b)** Workshop Club It's not that this club likes to workshop every tip. It just means that some type of workshop during the evening is important to them. Determine how much or how little you wish to workshop.





c) EA (Extended Application) Club – This club finds their type of fun in mental exercises. They like to be stretched most of the evening. They like workshop in things not often seen on the regular dance floor and they enjoy the challenge of unusual setups.

Next, it is important to realize that callers also fit into one of the above labels. Callers call for various reasons but even the caller wants to have fun. Some call for pure simple fun and other call because they enjoy the mathematics of the dance.

Social clubs should look for a caller that enjoys mixing with them during breaks and socializing on a personal level. They may even place importance on the caller being available to attend functions with them beyond club nights. It is important here to find the caller that considers square dancing a big part of his social life. A good indication of this is the caller's wife (ok.... caller's partner). If the partner attends on a regular basis you will often find that they consider this to be their social life too. Another indication is how many weekend and festival events they attend as dancers. When interviewing a caller you can ask these questions, but remember that it is best to look at his past performance with other clubs (if you can). Sometimes a caller may believe one thing during an interview and reality might end up to be something else.

Workshop clubs need to find a caller that gets his pleasure from workshopping. It is important that the caller is also a capable teacher as teaching will be his major function in the club. Have him do a workshop tip and listen to the way he expresses himself. If he sounds exasperated (even in the slightest) it may only get worse over time. Often the caller is not exasperated with the dancers, simply frustrated at his inability to get his point across, but knowing this does no good if it starts driving club members away. If you find his attitude demeaning or cross in any way you should take care in deciding if this is the caller for you. A good caller

is not necessarily a good teacher.

EA clubs may do well to find a caller that calls a higher program than their club dances. It is this experience that gives the caller ideas to bring back to your club. He must be willing to find new material on a regular basis and not necessarily from the higher programs, but from the Basic and Mainstream programs also. The best callers for this type of job are often the newer callers as their enthusiasm to explore new material will often match the clubs desire. His desire to teach is more important than his actual capabilities as the dancers are often quick to pick up on what the caller means.

It also may be important to look at the average age of your club and match it with a caller of the same generation. Choice of music, preferred speed and even choice of choreography does seem to run along the age lines though there is always exceptions to every rule. This shouldn't be your determining factor, but don't overlook it altogether.

In addition to the above, I would strongly recommend that clubs have contracts with their club caller and I suggest contracts that are renewed once a year. Over the years clubs can change in their desires and a written contract can be the opening for negotiations on either side. A club may find they want more or less workshop. The caller may even find that he wants something different. Either can make this request at contract renewal time and if either party is not satisfied then the contract can simply NOT be renewed. A contract is a physical item that acknowledges that things do change over time and each party should have the

right to look for the things they want from square dancing. Too often a negative feeling is left when a caller is fired or quits and it can easily be avoided with a contract.

And last, but not least, don't be afraid to try the new callers. The interview might be a little tougher as there is no track record (or not much of one) to look back on, but each of the different types of clubs could find that their perfect caller is a new caller. The important thing to look to is how much time and desire this new caller has to devote to homework. Is he interested in attending caller seminars? The social club can afford to hire the new caller who is limited in his amount of time to do homework, but the EA club will want a caller who is anxious about learning and practicing every chance he gets. Nevertheless, a new caller who isn't interested in homework will not make any club happy over the long run.

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30-April 1 **ARKANSAS** – Jamboree USA, Pine Bluff Convention Center, Pine Bluff; Ray and Juanice Jones, 306 Monk Road, Pine Bluff, AR 71602; 870-247-4848

30-April 1 CALIFORNIA – Spring Jamboree, Amador County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 49, Plymouth; Info: 209-823-8675; erinbear@email.com

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13-14 **IOWA** – Iowa State Convention, Five Flags Civic Ctr, Dubuque; www.iasquaredanceconvention.com, www.iowasquaredance.org, bitofheavenin2007@yahoo.com

13-15 **CALIFORNIA** – 48th California State Square Dance Convention, Riverside; www.CAState2007.org

20-22 **NEW HAMPSHIRE** – Round-E-Vous At Woodbound Round Dance Weekend, Woodbound Inn, Rindge; Ralph and Joan Collipi, ralph.collipi@verizon.net; 603-898-4604

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27-28 MASSACHUSETTS – 49th New England Square & Round Dance Convention, Springfield; Terry and Phil Maslon, 81 Bourne Street, Three Rivers, MA 01080; 413-283-8227; www.nesrdc.org

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MAY 2007

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10-12 CANADA – International Square & Round Dance Convention, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario; Dorothy Budge, 111 Ontario Street North, Apt. #401, Milton, ON - L9T 2T2; 905-875-0268; budge@sympatico.ca

10-12 **FLORIDA** – Panama City Beach Ball, Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane at Middle Beach Road, Panama City Beach; Ann McMillan 256-227-0912 or 256-340-9232; amcmillan43@aol.com

11-13 **NEVADA** – 60th Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival, Reno Hilton/Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. 2nd Street, Reno; Don Swartz 775-883-2937; shefree 2@pyramid.net; www.SquareDanceNevada.com

12 NEW JERSEY - The 2007 Gathering: Dancers Getting Together To Share, Douglass College, New Brunswick; 973-838-0312; NJSquareDancers@Verizon.net

19 VERMONT – 31st Annual Square and Round Dance Convention, Barre Town School, Barre; Bud and Judy Clifford, P.O. Box 54, West Danville, Vermont 05873; 802-563-2777; JClifford@Danvillek12vt.org; www.SquareDanceVT.org

25-27 FLORIDA - 53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland; Info: 227 Hughes Street, NE, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548; floridasquaredance.com/convention/ index.html

25-28 COLORADO - Red Rocks & Purple Mountains, 24th Annual International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) Convention, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, Denver; www.denver2007.com; Red Rocks and Purple Mountains, PO Box 470657, Aurora, CO 80047-0657

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6-8 CALIFORNIA – ASDSC Fun Weekend, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley; Associated Square Dancers of Superior California, ASDSC@aol.com or www.asdsc.org

AUGUST 2007

3-4 NORTH CAROLINA – Queen City Ball, Oasis Shrine Temple, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte; Grand Square Inc., 1100 East Morehead Street, Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28204; 704-377-5554

5-9 MISSOURI – Kirkwood Lodge C1 Challenge Dance, Kirkwood Lodge, 1192 Lakeshore Drive, Oasge Beach; PO Box 37, Osage Beach, MO 65065; 8 0 0 - 2 9 5 - 2 7 9 4 ; Info@KirkwoodLodge.com;

8-11 **IDAHO** – 8th USAWest Square Dance Convention; Squares at Red Lion Hotel and Rounds at Holiday Inn, Pocatello; Steve or Judy Sullivan, 208-237-3609; 4305 Henderson Lane, Pocatello, Idaho 83202; www.usawest.org

10-12 **WISCONSIN** – 48th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention, La Crosse Event Center, La Crosse; Dean and Pat Peterson, 118 South 27th St., La Crosse, WI 54601 6 0 8 - 7 8 2 - 8 5 0 5; www.wisqauredanceconvention.org

17-18 MICHIGAN – Michigan State Square and Round Convention, Valley Plaza Resort, 5221 Bay City Rd., Midland; Bob and Nicki Townsend 989-271-9082; ConventionChairman.MCSRDC@ hotmail.com

17-19 **PENNSYLVANIA** – 14th Annual State Convention, Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College; Bob and Ellen Williams, 2159 Palomino Drive, Warrington, PA 18976; 215-343-2969; bob-ellen@juno.com; Pasquaredance.org

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