

Dances for April 10, 2017

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The Wee Giant

32-bar reel for three couples in a four couple longwise set

1-8 1st, 2nd and 3rd couples dance Inveran reels for three couples.

1st couple cross down through second place, dance down to third place on opposite sides, cross up through second place on own sides and finish in original places

2nd couple dance up to first place, cross down through second place and dance down to third place on opposite sides, cross up to second place on own sides and face out

3rd couple cross up through 2nd place, dance up to first place on opposite sides, cross down through second place on own sides and finish in third place

1st couple pass in front of 3rd couple each time

9-12 1st and 2nd men, giving right hands, turn one and a half times to change places, while 1st and 2nd women, giving left hands, turn one and a half times.

13-16 1st and 3rd men, giving left hands, turn one and a half times to change places, while 1st and 3rd women, giving right hands, turn one and an half times.

17-24 1st couple, in third place, set. 1st couple dance in on bar 19, giving nearer hands, dance up to the top and cast off one place. 3rd couple step down on bars 23-24

25-32 2ns, 1st and 3rd couples dance six hands round and back

Repeat having passed a couple

The second time through, on bars 23-24, 1st couple cast off two places and dance bars 25-32 from the foot of the set. 4th couple remain in third place.

Devised by John Walton

June Shore, less than five feet in height, was extremely dynamic personality and demanding in performance. She had a significant impact on Scottish Country Dancing in North America.

Shirley's Strathspey

32 bar strathspey for three couples in a three couple longwise set

1-2 1st couple lead down crossing with the right hand to finish facing 3rd couple in the diagonal. 2nd couple step up on bars 1-2

3-4 1st man turns 3rd woman with right hand while 1st woman turns 3rd man with left hand meeting below 3rd couple. 3rd couple finish in third place

5-6 1st couple lead up crossing with right hand to finish facing 2nd couple on the diagonal

7-8 1st man turns 2nd man with right hand while 1st woman turns 2nd woman with left hand. 1st couple finish in second place facing out and down.

9-14 Reels of three on own sides, 1st man and 3rd man passing left shoulders, 1st woman and 3rd woman passing right shoulders.

15-16 1st and 3rd couples continue reeling to change places. 1st couple dance out and down to face up in third place, 3rd couple cast to finish in 2nd place facing down, 2nd couple in first place set to each other. Finish 2, 3, 1

17-24 Three couple grand chain

25-32 All dance six hands round and back

Repeat twice more

Devised by Diana Ashworth and the Cairn Dancers of Dewbury

In memory of Shirley M Sheilds – one of the founder members of
Leeds Branch