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BOSTON BRANCH

REPERTOIRE

DANCES

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Balmoral Strathspey

32 Bar Strathspey for 4 couples

Bars:

- 1-8 1s with 2s, 3s with 4s dance Rights and Lefts.
- 9-12 1s with 2s, 3s with 4s Set and Right Hands across half way round.
- 13-16 Set and giving Right Hands cross to own sides. (The order is now 2,1,4,3).
- 17-24 Reels of 4 on the sides, 2s face 1s and 4s face 3s to begin the reel.
- 25-32 1s,4s,3s Allemande to finish, 1s at bottom, 4s in 3rd place, 3s in 2nd place.
- Ending order 2s,3s, 4s,1s.

Repeat, with new couple leading.

Catch the Wind

32 bar Hornpipe for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-4 1s Set & Cast off one place. 2s step up 3-4.
- 5-8 1s dance a Half figure of eight round 2s.
- 9-12 1s Set 2x. On bars 11-12, 1st W pulls back Right Shoulder to finish facing out.
- 13-16 1st W casts up round 2nd M, dances down to finish between the 3s facing 3rd M, while 1st M follows to finish between the 2s facing 2nd M.
- 17-24 1st M dances Reel of 3 with 2s giving Right Shoulder to 2nd M to begin, while 1st W dances Reel of 3 with 3s giving R Shoulder to 3rd M to begin.
- 25-28 1st W casts up round 3rd M, dances across the set to own side in 2nd place while 1st M follows to own side in 2nd place.
- 29-32 1s turn Right Hand once round.

Repeat having passed a couple.

De'il Among the Tailors
32 Reel for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-2 1s & 2s take hands on the sides and set.
- 3-4 1s & 2s Right Hands across half way.
- 5-8 Repeat bars 1-4 back to places, using Left Hands.
- 9-16 1s lead down the middle and up.
- 17-24 1s & 2s Allemande.
- 25-32 2s, 1s, 3s circle 6 Hands round to the Left and back to the Right.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

John McAlpin

32 Bar Strathspey for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-2 1s Advance to touch Right Hands and Retire.
- 3-4 Then giving Left Hands, cross over.
- 5-6 1s taking Right Hands, lead down to 2nd place, center of dance (2s move up), and
- 7-8 Turn Left Hand to face 1st corners.
- 9-16 1s turn corner-partner-corner-partner, giving Right Hand to 1st corner to begin, using last Left Hand to cross to own sides in 2nd place.
- 17-18 Women take hands and set.
- 19-20 Women Advance (2 steps), while Men set.
- 21-24 Women Retire (2 steps) and set, while Men Advance & Retire.
- 25-26 2s, 1s, 3s cross giving Right Hands, and
- 27-28 Circle 6 Hands half way to Left.
- 29-32 All cross Left Hands and circle 6 Hands halfway to Right.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

The Express
40 Bar Jig for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-8 1st W dances a Mirror Reel of 3 with 2nd & 3rd Men, finishing in her partner's place, while 1st M does the same thing with 2nd & 3rd Women.
- 9-16 1s dance a Mirror Reel of 3 on own side.
- 17-24 1s lead down the middle and up.
- 25-32 1s & 2s Allemande. 1s finish back to back in middle facing own sides ready for Double Triangles.
- 33-40 Double Triangles.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Ladies' Fancy

32 Jig for 2 couples

Bars:

- 1-4 1st M turns 2nd W Right Hands and they return to places.
- 5-8 1st M turns 1st W Left Hands 1&1/2 times to finish facing down the dance with 1st W on his Right and 2nd W on his Left. 2nd W moves up to join.
- 9-16 They dance down the middle and up. As they near the top 1st M hands his partner across in front of him to finish on own sides.
- 17-24 1s & 2s Right Hands across and back by the Left. Stay in the middle ready for Poussette.
- 25-32 1s & 2s Poussette.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Maxwell's Rant
32 Bar Reel for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-8 1st W dances a Mirror Reel of 3 with 2nd & 3rd Men finishing in her partner's place, while 1st M does the same thing with 2nd & 3rd Women.
- 9-16 1s dance a Mirror Reel of 3 on own side.
- 17-20 1s giving Right Hand cross over and cast off one place.
2s move up on bars 19-20.
- 21-24 1s dance Half figure of 8 round 2s.
- 25-28 1s dance down between 3s and cast up into 2nd place.
- 29-32 2s,1s,3s turn partner Right Hand.

Repeat, having past a couple.

The Sauchie Haugh
32 Bar Strathspey for 2 couples

Bars:

- 1-8 1s lead down the middle and up to finish facing down the dance; 2s move in to face 1s.
- 9-16 1s and 2s dance Rondel
- 17-24 With nearer hands joined, 2nd & 1st Women and 2nd & 1st Men Advance (1 step) & Retire (1 step); then turn partners Both Hands once round to merge into 4 Hands round to the Left, finishing on the sides.
Order- 2s at top; 1s in 2nd place.
- 25-32 2s and 1s dance All Round Poussette.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Mrs. Stewart's Jig
32 Bar Jig for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-8 1s Set and then 1st W followed by her partner, casts off 2 places; she crosses below 3s and dances up behind 3rd M to 2nd place on the Men's side; 1st M dances below 3rd W and up the middle to 2nd place on the Women's side. 1s finish facing down. 2s step up on bars 7-8.
- 9-16 2s, 1s, 3s dance Grand Chain. 2s face across, 1s face down and 3s face up to begin. 2nd & 1st Men finish facing out.
- 17-24 2s & 1s dance Ladies' Chain.
- 25-28 ALL Advance (2 steps) & Retire(2 steps).
- 29-32 1s turn Right Hand 1&1/2 times to 2nd place own sides.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Sleepy Maggie
32 Reel for 3 couples

Bars:

- 1-4 1s & 2s Four Hands round to the Left only.
- 5-8 1s set and cast off one place.
2s step up on 7-8.
- 9-16 1s & 3s Right Hands across and back by the Left. 1s finish facing 1st corners.
- 17-24 1s Set to and Turn corners.
- 25-30 Reels of 3 on the sides.
1s giving Left Shoulder to 1st corners.
- 31-32 1s cross over to own sides in 2nd place.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Sugar Candie
32 Bar Strathspey for 3 couples

- Bars:**
- 1-4 1s Set & Cast 1 place, 2s step up.
 5-8 1s, pass Left Shoulder, dance round 1st corners with Right Shoulders. 1s pull Right Shoulder back to finish back to back in center. 1st W face up, 1st M down.
 9-12 1st M with 3s, 1st W with 2s Circle 3 Hands round to Left, finish pulling back Right Shoulder to face each other in center. 1st W facing down, 1st M facing up.
 13-16 1s Set to each other turn Both Hands 3/4 to face 1st corners.
 17-24 1s turn corner-partner-corner-partner, giving Right Hand to 1st corner to begin, using last Left Hand to finish facing 1st corners.
 25-30 Reels of 3 with corners. 1s giving Left Shoulder to 1st corner to begin.
 31-32 1s cross Right Hand to own sides 2nd place.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

The Wild Geese
32 Bar Jig for 3 couples

- Bars:**
- 1-4 1s & 3s advance into the middle (2 pas de basque steps), Men with partner on their Right. All join hands to make a line of 4 and set.
 5-8 1s turn 3/4 Right Hand and cast off to 3rd place on own sides, while 3s turn Right Hand to face up the middle on their own sides and lead up to top place.
 9-16 3s & 1s repeat bars 1-8 from new places. Finish in original places.
 17-24 1s lead down the middle and up, to finish in 2nd place. 2s move up on bars 19-20.
 25-32 2s & 1s dance Rights and Lefts.
- Repeat, having passed a couple.

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