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Dear Dancers

Too many dances ...

n the world of line dance there has been an exponential growth in the number of new dances being created. We all know what a dilemma this is for instructors when deciding what to teach. Not so long ago only a handful of people regarded themselves as choreographers but now dancing talent has evolved and the supply of new dances is endless. It's a credit to instructors and choreographers who graciously share their knowledge with others.



However the number of dances to choose from is so overwhelming that instructors are having a hard time deciding what to teach. Some dances are fantastic, some may not be to our taste and others simply not up to standard. Although we welcome this as a sign of a healthy industry, we share the concerns that dancers can't easily separate the 'best' from the rest.

Here at Linedancer we have a team dedicated to updating the dance database on our web-site. Each week we download, read, correct, and input dance scripts from all over the world. There are far too many for us to learn and review, and without discouraging new choreography or stifling talent, it is difficult to know how we can help you to find the floor fillers.

THE SOLUTION

You'll be glad to know we've been working on a solution. We've come up with an exciting new idea that will help you select dances really worth teaching.

If you have access to the Web you can now submit a personal Dance Review on the Linedancer Magazine site. As reviews from ordinary line dancers will carry the most weight, it is YOU who should submit them. You, yes, you in the line! You with the boots on! You make the best critics because you know what's hot and what's not. You know what you enjoy and what you don't.

Tell it like it is, with honesty and integrity and you will make a huge difference. Go to the Linedancer Magazine Web-site, click 'Review A Dance' and tell everyone about it. If you've learnt a dance that's not too bad, perhaps the choreographer would appreciate the feedback and if you have learnt a really poor dance - then just keep it under your hat!

From time to time, we will publish a selection of readers' reviews in Linedancer. And don't worry if you're not online yet. You can send us your reviews by post if you wish.

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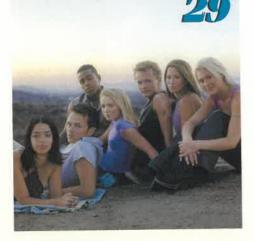
This new facility allows dancers to speak their minds, saying exactly what they think without fear or favour. Please don't abuse it by entering false reviews. Keep it honest, and it will build into a reliable and trustworthy source of information. An independent dance review by a genuine dancer with no axe to grind, album to sell or artist to push will speak volumes. Work with us. YOU can make a big difference

Yours in line.

Betty Drummond







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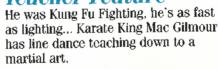
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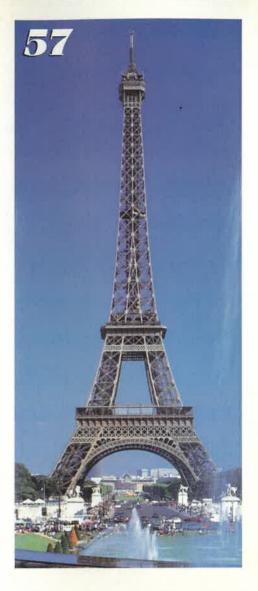
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Grapevine

Judy Takes her Pick

Canada's finest, Judy MacDonald is the guest instructor at Kirkwall's Pickagouy centre in the Orkney Isles. This is the Orkneys' first big-name line dance workshop, and will take place from 2pm to 5pm on September 9th. There will be an open dance night at 7pm and everyone is encouraged to come along. Fort more information call 01856 721375.

Robinson's Return

John Rohinson is back in the UK in September for a tour commencing on the 4th. The Canadian wonder already has a fully booked itinerary. Who knows - perhaps, like last year, we'll see another spate of interesting pics from around the country?

Catalan Capers

The coastal town of Palafrugell is not far Barcelona, and is the venue for the Cities in Line from August 11th to 13th. Pedro Machado and Liam Hrycan will be in attendance, while line dance competition will follow UCWDC classifications. For further info call 34 93344407613 or e-mail linedance_association@yahoo.com

Centre FM's Hot Country programme, presented by Dave Thomas and Sue Tibble, is to make comeback on Staffordshire the station's airwayes after a successful 'people power' campaign to bring back the show. After being presented with letters of support and a 1200 signature petition led by

Gwen Heyes and Malcolm Taylor (see March's Grapevine), the duo have were asked to return to Centre FM to do the Hot Country Show every Sunday evening from 9 to 11 pm.

The Hot Country Show provides interviews, updates and features for the region's listeners on all things Country and line dance. Said Dave: "When we were off air,

Dave and Sue
Return

it was like losing touch with hundreds of good friends who phoned in for competitions, sent in their club news and met us at the Hot Country Roadshows. During the first programme back, we had dozens of calls, faxes and e-mails welcoming us back. We're looking forward to being able to bring them the very best in

American and British Country music."

NEW DANCE!

This classic is a very popular dance on every floor at one time or another. Variations are common - so be creative with yours. Do not attempt to start this dance with a left or right vinc if no-one else moves within the first few bars of music. If no-one gives you any clues, restart dance in same direction. The origins of this dance are a total mystery. It is suitable for any music.

This is a one wall line dance, with each repetition facing who knows where.

How Does It Start?



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	
1-4	You know you recognise the song	
5-8	But you can't remember what dance is done to it	
9-12	Look anxiously at the person on your right	
13-16	Look anxiously at the person on your left	
17-18	Try a right 45	
19-22	Shake your head from side to side a few times	
23-24	Try a left 45	
25-28	Shake your head from side to side a few times	
29-32	Take a quick look behind you to see what's going on	
33-36	Try to look intelligent	
37-40	Try a buttermilk or two	
41-44	Scratch your head with your right hand	
45-48	Shrug your shoulders and hitch your belt	
49-52	All shout together "HOW DOES IT START?"	

Music:- Any song you choose Formation:- Lines facing front

Original Position:- Eyes facing the floor

Rooster Booster

New Country kids on the block are Shoot the Rooster. an East Anglian duo who have been brushing up on line their dance favourites for bootscooters in the region. Mark and Alan play Mayericks several tracks in their set. which is almed speci-

fically at line dancers. Alan, who is recording some Shoot the Rooster tracks at his home studio, admits to the possibility of the odd Eagles track slipping

App. who

into the set, as he is a huge fan. Why not judge for yourself and check 'em out at a stomp-fest near you?

Reunited

The Judds Reunion: Live' is the title of the new album featuring Naomi and Wynonna's New Years Evc Reunion concert in Phoenix. The live CD contains 23 tracks, blending versions of the duo's greatest hits with Wynonna's solo offerings. Through Curb records, the CD is out now.

ayme's Jamboree Jayne Howard runs two classes in South Wales with her Jaynes Blue Jeans Stompers' classes, and the Devon-born teacher organised a get-together with four other local classes in the On hand to entertain this gathering of South Walian stompers were Campbell's Country, and some funds for the British Heart Foundation were also caised.

Line Dancers all over the North West braved drizzle and downpour in Bolton when they took part in the first Victoria Square Line Dancing Experience.

This line dance event was part of the Bolton World of Music festival, which formed part of the town's millennial festivals. Line dancers, Country artists and fans from all over the region were there to see Maggie Gallagher, Borderline and Rob Allen do their stuff.

Maggie's Line Dance Marathon took centre stage, transporting the drenched dancers and onlookers to Nashville, Tennessee. Resplendent in Yellow water-proof mac, Maggie took the intrepid

stompers through their one-hour stomp. As Bolton bigwig, Karen Wheeldon, said: "The intrepid dancers did not miss a step, despite the rain."

Entertainment was also on hand from Miss Dawn Dawson's Bolton Academy of Dance and Stage, who warmed up the pavement with their Western Millennium Tribute. Said Karen: "We are delighted to see so many visitors flocking into the town centre to participate in the day, and they didn't let the rain spoil their fun."

The Grazy Horse

Line Dance club at Mustang Sally's in Westcliff did the masquerade ball thing recently. This night was the latest in their regular tradition of request and special thome Crazy nights Horsers, Jackie and Tim, said: "Our club has



kept on growing thanks to all the wonderful and friendly people that keep coming, making our elab what line dance is all about - fun!"

Sidewinder Success

Southampton's Sidewinder LDC, set up by Sue and Ian Ray, put on their first festival recently at Blackfield in the New Forest. A lot of planning and hard graft went into readying the venue for the likes of Circuit Judge and Johnny and the Heroes. Tuition came courtesy of Sue and Ian, and Pat and Barry Seabridge and none other than Peter Metelnick.

Circuit Judge rounded off the weekend with a top set, sending everyone home happy on Monday morning, looking forward to next year's event - May 4th-7th. Sue and Ian would like to thank all who attended, helped out, and lent their enthusiasm to the atmosphere.

Arson Around, Blazing Saddles, Hot Property... etc

Thought we'd get all the gags out of the way first, as our sympathies are with Cath and Dave from Cardiff's Hooked on Country Western-wear shop. Sadly, they were the recent victims of an arson attack and as a result, lost all of their stock. However, showing true Welsh spirit, Dave and Cath hope to be trading again in the very near future. Watch this space.

Spanish Line Dance Update

The Northern Holidays events at the Costa Brava feature live entertainment from the Dirty Hat Band (see booking ad in this issue) but tickets are available for individual live evenings, subject to availability. For further details call

0161 6553645 or e-mail Nholidays@aol.com





Somerset's Stetson Stompers scooped the top team award at UKA medalist competitions, held in Weston Super-Mare's Winter Gardens. The Stompers are trained and choreographed by Margaret Brown from Bridgewater. The team have now demonstrating at local events in Somerset for three years, and this first place is fitting recugnition for their dedication and hard work.



Sussex's Hang Loose CWDC decided to have a "Cowboys and Indians" Disco. Complete with banger and beans supper, dancing was energetic (hopefully before the supper!) and included a lot of the old favourites, 'The Alamo', 'Cheyanne' and 'I Ride a Horse'. Apparently a few stompers even arrived on horseback, that's what you call getting into the role. Pictured are Valeire Liversage, "The Man in Black" (aka Gordon) and one "Chief Big Feathers", who as know during the day as David.

Peter Pops Over Peter Metelnick flies in to the UK for the week of August 22nd to 29th. Already booked up for the

later part of his stay. Peter is available for booking on the 23rd and 24th of August. Interested parties can contact him at

freespirit@abstompers.co.uk Haka Heartu



Teaching Survey

Bringing you up to date with results gathered between 23 February 2000 and 20 June 2000. In all, the survey registered 193 dances taught by 31 instructors in 7 countries.

D. M.	P	Chanagranha
Position	Dance	Choreographer
1	Shania's Moment	Nathan Easey
2	Shalala	Dynamite Dot
3	Now Or Never	Cathy Hunyadi
4	Patient Heart	Michael Vera Lobos
5	Matter of Time	Ed Lawton
6	It's a Love Thing	Rob Fowler
7	Islands in the stream	Karen Jones
8	Rose Garden	Jo Thompson
9	Pizziricco	Dynamite Dot
10	Syncopated Rhythm	Michelle & Rob Fowler
11	Do You Love Me	Damon Bruce
12	Down on the Corner	Peter Metelnick
13	Let's Make a Deal	Peter Metelnick
14	Fenua Maohi E	Derrick & Terry
15	Precious Time	Pam Pike
16	J'ai du boogie	Max Perry
17	My Maria	Mike Camara & Dan Albro
18	Movin' on over	Rob Fowler
19	IOU	Rachael McEnaney
20		Elle Jay

Glen on Top

It's official - Glen Mitchell is Europe's no.1 songwriter! Glen had last year's biggest independent hit with 'Everything I Ever Wanted'. Currently, 'Love on My Side' is this year's biggest hit on the European EMS Chart. Now beginning to make an impression in Nashville, Glen is also scoring success on the dance floor. The dance to 'Honky Tonk Rock', from Glen's 'Groovy Line Dance Maxi-Single' (see our July issue) is pulling the stompers onto the hardwood.

Contrary to popular rumour, Glen's band are NOT splitting up. While Glen is over in Nashville working with new Dreamworks act. Bill Luther.

some of Gleo's band will be taking on extra-curricular gigging duties. So rest easy, Gleo fans. To keep an eye on all things a Glen, check out his web site at www.glenmitchell.net



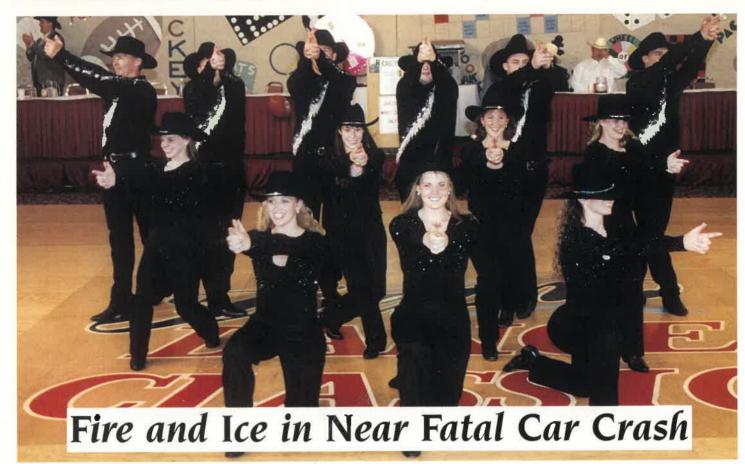
Watford's Grapevine Connection held its fifth anniversary function at the event. The half, tables and even the request sheets were full of reds. purples and blacks, and instructor. catching red and black outfit (pictured here in focused mood just before the event began!).

Also on hand to impress the 350strong crowd was PHe Jay, who took the stage with Lynne for Targer Than-Life'. Of all the thank-yous received. after the event, one card said it all -We love to party and was that ever a

Grapevine's 'Grapevine Connection' Connection







A head-on collision on a Californian freeway threatened the lives of Country dance supremos, the Fire and Ice Dance Team.

While on route to the Fresno event on 26th May, one of the vans used by Fire & Ice was involved in a head on collision that sent the van spinning and ultimately demolished it.

Five of the team members were in the van and all were assumed dead by the paramedics when they arrived. The driver, Jerelyn Hone,

was airlifted to Palm Springs Hospital. Fellow passenger, Mindi Taylor, had suspected internal injuries and Rob Breedlove sustained two broken vertebrae. They were taken to Victor Valley Hospital. Another, Hannah Baumgartner, was taken to the Barstow Hospital for stitches, but miraculously, passenger Cory Rice walked away unscathed.

All five are now back home in Utah. Rob had surgery and they were able to replace his 5th

vertebra, and doctors say he can dance again in 3-6 months! Rob says that's a good thing since he, and all the other accident victims want to go on record as saying they will be dancing at the Worlds, so everyone else better watch out, as they intend to keep their Worlds Champion status!!

The team wish to thank everyone for their prayers and kind messages, and thank the UCWDC for: "... being the dedicated, caring family you are".

Garth Does it Again

Garth Brooks has garnered massive interest in another of his songs thanks to an ingenious marketing ploy from the man himself. 'When You Come Back to me Again' features as part of the new sci-film 'Frequency'. Garth shot a video for the song, but has so far refused to release the track as a single, thus raising interest in the track and forcing US DJs to play the video's audio track on their radio stations.

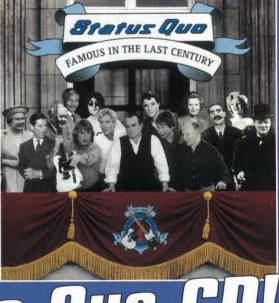
The track has continued to make an impression on Billboard's Country chart, spending four weeks on chart to date. The track also features backing vocals from Trisha Yearwood.

Vince to Host Again



Vince Gill is to host the CMA Awards for the ninth consecutive time. This years' event will go out from the Grand Ole Opry House on Wednesday, October 4th, Vince has now signed his second multi-year contract which will take him as presenter through to 2002.

The Ouo and Line dance? Ask Johanny S who choreographed a dance to Old Time Rock n' Roll' on Ono's latest CD. in **Tamous** the last Century' We have balf a dozen copies to give to the winners who like a little dening and dandruff with their boot-scootin' An album of classic covers. suggested dances for these tracks include Just for Grins', 'Pot of Gold' and 'T Bone Shuffle, Just mark your postcard Three Chord Wonder' and tell us the title of the Quo's only UK no. I hit single. Entries to the usual address by the end of



Win a Quo GD!

Andrew Lines Up

Motherwell College student, Anderw Minskie, has taken to writing his own line dance scripts, both for himself and other wheelchair users.

Falkirk-based Andrew, who has cerebral palsy, has put together scripts specifically for wheelchair-users, and his scripts have been read by instructors throughout the UK. Says Andrew: "I listen to line dance tracks at home and work through each one to adapt them to the wheelchair. It takes up a lot of time, but I have completed 7 routines so far."

Andrew is currently studying an Access to Education course and will utilise the course-skills to reach his own ambitions. "I would like to start teaching a class of my own for both able-bodied and wheelchair-using dancers," he says. "I really enjoy my computer course and I am planning to set up my own web site on wheelchair line dancing."

Andrew has just launched a dance class for wheelchair users and says: "I really enjoy line dancing and have made a lot of friends through my hobby. I would like to encourage more people who are wheelchair-bound to give it a try."



At Reba McIntyre's Glasgow concert. Maggie Gallagher and the Dean Brothers were smong the performers present, and they contributed to entertaining the crowds for five hours in the SECC complex. We are reliably informed that the indefatigable Maggie would have stayed for even longer but dashed away to catch Brad Paisley's set!



Compy Results

Tina Arena Winners. Tina plays Esmeralda in Notre Dame de Paris. First out of the hat was G. York of Bishop Auckland. Runners-up: R. Glover, Bootle and M. Lawrence, London.

Jive Time Winners, M. Barton, Glasgow, Mr Gorton of Weston Super-Mare and Mr D. Humphrey of Worksop. All knew that both Dion and the Belmonts and Status Quo have scored UK hits with 'The Wanderer'.

Air Tattoo Winners. The 15 lucky winners of tickets for this year's Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Cottesmore, Rutland are:

- J. Underwood, Birmingham
- S.P. Hobday, Birmingham
- D.B.Senior, Huddesfield W. Rudd, Loughborough
- R. Reaper, Glasgow
- L. McCaffrey, Fermanagh
- J Nicholls, Stamford
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- E. Wareing, Dyfed
- A. Baxter, Lines
- R. Adeock, Derby
- M. Nolan, Stamford



Talented teenage dynamo Hayley Mack won them over at Telford's Feel The Beat LDC. The 15 year old impressed all with a quality set which led to club members citing her as: "a star of the future". Club organiser, the Heighways, have already put in a repeat booking.

Last Chance to Dance?

The 25th to 28th July may possibly be the last 'Chance to Dance' event of them all. A fun an action-packed event, it takes place at the Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. This may be your last chance to sample the event's atmosphere. For details, call 01423 547444.

All the Best

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Plain Loco's new album 'Blue Memory' is out now. A year in the making, the CD was cut in Sean Kenny's studio, who also co-produced. All tracks are self penned, and the guys confidently claim it is their best offering to date.

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Here at Linedancer magazine we regularly receive letters asking for help and advice on finding that essential line dance outfit - from dancers who want to "look the part" for a special social event, to enthusiasts who want something

comfortable and individual for their local class. Usually, we direct them to the specialist stores who advertise with us, offering a great selection of outfits, hats and boots imported exclusively from the USA. But this edition, we thought it was about time Linedancer magazine celebrated LINE DANCE FASHION.

We persuaded glamorous mum Margie and her lovely teenage daughter Jodie Binsteed, to be models for a day. Margie and Jodie had great fun trying on a wide selection of the latest Western wear, supplied from some of our regular advertisers. I am sure you all agree that they make "mighty pretty cowgals"!

Above left: Lace inset blouses (Landon Boots) Stetsons and Boots (BJ's and West) Jeans (models own)







Sprawled across the riverbank of the Thames at North Greenwich, like a huge birthday cake with 12 candles perched on top, is the Dome. Thousands of line dancers converged on the 'cake' on Sunday 25th June for a special Country and Western Day.

Dancing in the

he assembled bootscooters had just one thing on their minds - breaking the World Record for line dancing which currently stands at the 6,275 who stomped at Tamworth, Australia. Funds would also be raised, here, for the Children's Promise charity.

In blazing sunshine, feeling more like Los Angeles than London, Rob Fowler lined up a dazzling array of line dancing expertise to get everyone in the mood. European Champions, Robert Ramsey and Sue Hobday, in white jeans and red satin shirts, started the ball rolling, and made it look so easy. Junior Team North and South Wales Champions, Kids in Line, danced their little bootsoff to 'Country Mile' with a contagious, youthful exuberance. UK and European Champions, Lee Easton and Jodie Binsteed, danced a beautiful Cha Cha. Perfectly flowing, all smiles in the sunshine, smoothly swaying with style.

Rob then announced the UK and European Team Champions, Second City Slickers, who entertained with a vivacious energy. By this time, dancers were jamming up the Dome's entrance. "We've been told to move in closer," yelied Rob, as we all shuffled forward to make way for the uninitiated visitors. "What's line dancing?" they asked as they came in. They would soon find out!

As Rob dodged off into the Dome for the next lot of Teach-Ins, we hot-footed it to the "Red Boot" pub and the Round Stage, where we were entertained by up-coming UK country singer, 17-year-old Nikki Dean and 13-year-old winner of TV's 'Step to the Stars', Jenny-Lynn Smith. Jenny's a star in the making! A charming teenager, she still blushes when complimented on her vocal talent. On stage, she sings with the maturity of one twice her age - and a range of crystal clear purity. This young lady from Barnstaple, North Devon, is destined to go far. Back on the Central Arena stage, Rob Fowler was putting dancers through their paces, along with line dancing demonstrations, which were followed by rope-tricking cowboys and North American Indians. Acting on Steve Healy's advice, we entered the massive Central Arena to watch the Millennium Show. With state-of-the-art visual effects, and dancing and performers flying about all over the place, you hardly knew where to look. It was all accompanied by the music of Peter Gabriel.

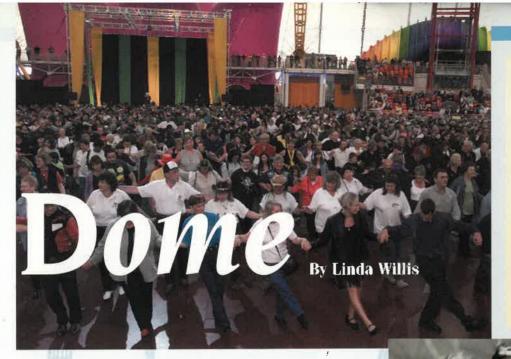


This audience were now all set to attempt to break the World line dancing record. "Don't worry if you've never ever danced before!' yelled Rob from centre-stage. "We'll teach you!" Clustered around

the floor in Stetsons, line dancing outfits and jeans, we all linked arms as Rob taught us Jo Thompson's two-wali dance, 'Makin' Tracks'. The tension was mounting. The pulsating heart in the centre of "The Body" exhibit was nothing compared to the pulsating heart of the line dancing community gathered together in the multi-coloured throng that circumnavigated the Arena. The BBC cameras, Ritz Radio and press photographers, clustered onto the central reservation with Dome boss. Pierre Gerbeau. to record the event. Now there was just one thing we needed - music! And only one person could really do justice to the occasion! Scooter Lee came on stage in black trouser suit, singing her heart out and encouraging us as only she can. "You can do it! Keep going. Don't stop - keep dancing!" she called out

Stopwatches clicked into action. We were off! Dancing, linked together in continuous lines, we happily skirted the dance floor. Looking like a giant





Word from the Dome

"We were delighted to welcome so many line dance enthusiasts, and the record attempt looked just spectacular!" said a spokesperson from the Dome. "We'd like to say a big thank you to all the groups who came so far away to join in. We are planning another event on Sunday 22nd October. Taking on board the comments made by many line dancers, we will dedicate the Schoolscape building, which can accommodate 5000 people, to music and dancing. And with plenty of space in our Central Arena, we are confident we can smash the current world record next time."

record, spinning round and round in a huge whirling wheel of line dancers, we all hoped this would be a world best. They had travelled from far and wide all over the UK and beyond - Finland, America and Holland. This is what line dancing is all about: united in happiness and dancing in harmony. Breaking records, helping causes.

"Don't worry if you've never ever danced before! We'll teach you!"

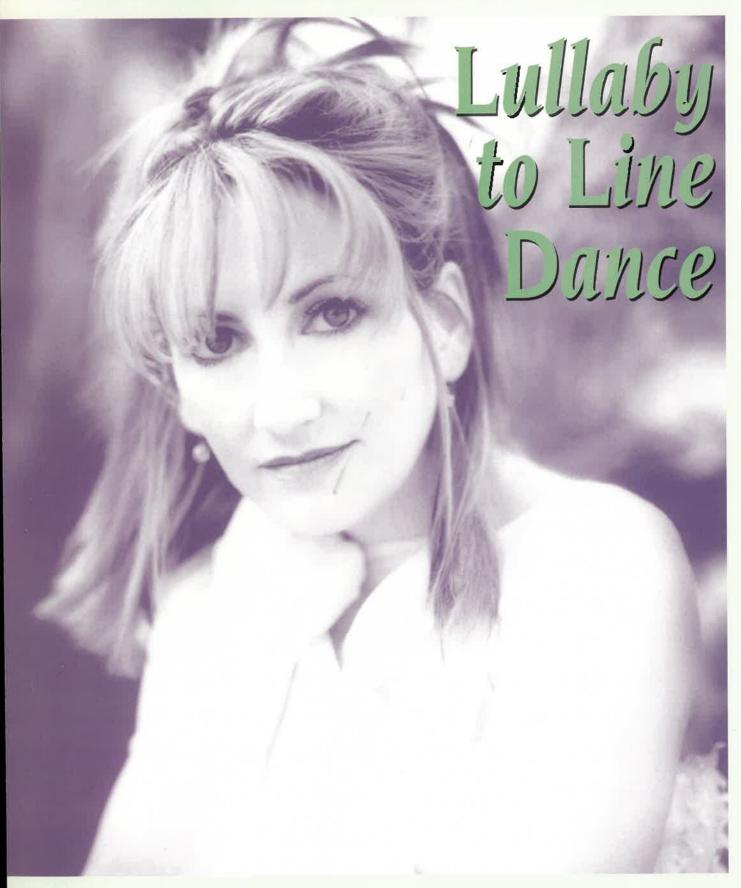
I felt such a combination of emotions - excitement, joy and thrills at the sight of the throng of line dancers strung out around the huge theatre. So many familiar faces linked arm to arm and shoulder to shoulder as Rob and Scooter carried us through from the stage. The overwhelming feeling was one of pride - to be able to call myself what every one of the estimated 4,546 people gathered together around me on the floor call themselves; a line dancer!

On the central podium, Dome Head Honcho, Pierre Gerbeau, couldn't contain himself. His feet just wouldn't stop tapping! "Join in!" urged our photographer. And he did! Pluckily strutting his stuff with the rest of us.



As we trooped off of the floor we were 'clicked' so that an accurate record of the number of line dancers taking part could be made. We then had to wait for Scooter Lee's last set to find out whether or not we had entered the record books. We had broken one record, the British one, but sadly on this occasion, the Aussie's still hold on to the World title. It didn't matter! The pervading spirit that links line dancers together all across the World had proved to be alive and well at the Dome. We had introduced thousands of people, who had never even seen it before, to something that is so precious to us.

Scooter Lee rounded off the evening for us in fine style, and we danced till the Dome closed its doors. The promise of an "An amazing day out - at the Dome" came true. We proved line dance is going strong in the heart of London, and in so many hearts! We may not have broken the record this time, but it's early days yet!



Just as you sink into your easy chair, lulled by the delicious mellow ballads of Lee Ann Womack's new album, her pure country vocals break into a couple of uptempo numbers that bring a smile to the face and put a spring in the step of dedicated line dancers. 'I Hope You Dance' is the right title for Lee Ann Womack's new album! Linda Willis caught up with versatile American singer.

he overall feel of 'I Hope you Dance' is Country. Lee Ann's honey soaked ballads, including the title track and 'Stronger Than I Am', bring a lump to your throat, as her compelling vocals tug at your heart. 'Ashes by Now' is upbeat and dancer-friendly, but it's the honky tonk style of Womack's self-penned 'Feel Like I'm Forgetting Something' that really gets you on your feet. It's already got inside

your feet. It's already got inside Teresa Lawrence and Vera Fisher's leather boots. They have choreographed a brand new nice 'n' easy 32 count dance to it. "When we heard the music, we loved it," said Teresa "And because the album has an overall traditional Country feel. we thought we'd incorporate traditional Country steps. Nothing too difficult, and lots of clapping! But if the more experienced dancers want to add a few twirls - they can!"

Are we likely to see Lee Ann the line dancer in action? "I don't dance, but my daughter Aubrie does a little. She loves to bop!" In fact, they both dance on the video for 'I Hope you Dance.'

For Lee Ann, the title song of the album has a special place in her heart. When she sings her two little girls to sleep, the words of T Hope you Dance' take on a special meaning. "For me," enthuses Lee Ann, in her lovely Texan drawl, "the song makes you think of everybody you care about most and all you wish for them - for a child, for a loved one, for a friend. It makes you think about the important people in your life."

"When I first heard that song, I knew I'd made the right choices in my life," says Lee Ann. "It made me think of everything I wanted for my girls (nine-year-old Aubrie and 15-month-old Anna-Lise), but also of a new beginning in my career and personal life."

"Just over a year ago Decca closed," explains Lee Ann. "I took it as a sign to regroup. I had a new label - MCA/Nashville. I'd had a child unexpectedly. I was sorting out all kinds of things, and I wanted to take the time to get it right." Marriage to husband Frank. owner of a publishing company, was an integral ingredient in 'getting it right second time!"

Like any normal working mum, Lee Ann admits juggling the demands of parenthood and career can be hard. She is in no doubt what comes first; "Family first, then the job. The good thing is I'm in an industry where I have my own business, really, and they can be part of it. They can come with me. I've always liked the idea of a 'Family Business' it works for me!" As a mother, Lee Ann says her hopes and dreams for her

daughters are simple; "As the song says, 'To give the Heavens more than a passing glance,' and to be good people. That's what I want for them both," she confides.

The cream of Nashville's finest songwriters and musicians such as Ricky Scaggs and fellow Texan band Sons of the Desert are featured on the album. Did she enjoy working with such an illustrious bunch? "I



"As a girl, I was always thinking of Country music - all the time."

Iove to have other artistes come in and work on the records," she confesses. "There are some of my favourite artistes out there and I'm always very pleased to have them come in and sing with me!"

Pondering the continuing attraction of Country music, she admits that she has simply liked it all her life. "Ever since I was a little girl," she smiles. "Probably because my Dad loves it so much is why I started liking it!" she says. "I like it because it's real. And you can relate to it. It's about real issues, relationships and the things that people go through. The songs have real strong, true stories, you know. It's more interesting!"

When searching for songs to record, she has an intuitive knack of sorting out the good ones. "I don't know what I'm listening for specifically, but I'll listen to say, twenty songs, and suddenly one will just jump out at you. That one song will move you to the point of laughter, or crying - or something. And when it does that, I know that if it does it for me it will do it for lots of others. So, basically - I go for songs that I like!"

George Strait and Reba McIntire both inspire her. "I like the way George Strait has had such a long career," she says. "Reba is big

business and she really enjoys what she does. She's competitive, and she's good at it. If I could have that type of success, that would be great!"

Lee Ann, the little girl from Jacksonville, Texas, was absolutely determined to be a Country singer never giving up her dreams. "It was a kind of lonely place to be when I was growing up. None of the other kids understood what I wanted to do and why I wanted to do it," she recalls. "I was always thinking about Country music - all the time. It's not like being a schoolteacher or a secretary. Only a few people get to do what I do for a living so it has been very difficult for people to understand what I go through. But there are people to share it with now. You need people around you who are understanding!"

Lee Ann believes that what her audiences get from her music is up to them. "You know - I'm an entertainer. I'm not making big statements. Sometimes people come up to me and say - "Oh that particular song helped to save my marriage, or that song made me feel better when I was really down. That's all great. But really, I'm just going out there to entertain people!"

Lee Ann's British fans will be pleased to hear that a visit to the UK is definitely at the top of her list of things to do. "I would very much like to come!" she says without hesitation.





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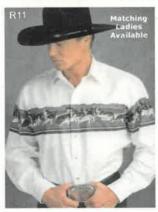














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Three words describe Rob I - spontaneous. humorous, groovy! In fact these are the very words Rob uses to describe himself. Catriona Wiles caught up with the West Coast dance maestro.

n 1991, a broken heart drew Rob Ingenthron, or Rob I as he is better known, to the sad melodies of country music artists. But then he heard a rockin' tune by Hank Williams, Jr. and was propelled towards line dancing.

It was to Hank's music that Rob discovered himself on the floor attempting the Tush Push! He recalls the experience well: "The club was in San Mateo, California and the gorgeous girls were a great incentive to learn to dance!"

Nearly a decade down the line, Rob can reflect upon his achievements

with pride. He qualified to Superstars status prior to Worlds VII where he won second place for his solo medley routine.

Special Award

Rob is also a two-time GWDI Maverick Line Dance Champion and recipient of the 1998 Worlds VII "Iron Man" Award. Sarah Rodger, his dance partner at that time, helped create this award. It was presented to Rob as special recognition of his participation in the most competitive dance categories, both in couples and line dance at every event he attended during the previous year.

When asked if there has been any competitive category that he hasn't entered at this point, he replies; "Teams. I keep asking Fire & Ice if they need a prop, but they haven't been able to use me yet!"

The highlight of Rob's competitive career has to be gaining a standing ovation for his Solo Medley at Worlds 2000. Oh, and also "the incredible success of the 'monkey walk'!"

Rob has role models of his own: fellow Californians, Robert Royston and Laureen Baldovi who have now become his firm friends. They demonstrated a West Coast Swing, which looked like line dancing with a partner, and since then Rob has found that the two forms can work in harmony together and be enjoyed by anyone who is open-minded enough to try.

Rob has developed line dance choreography to a point where characteristics of couples dancing are being adopted. This is evident within Rob's ever popular 'Conrado Cha Cha', which helps dancers with Cuban motion. The dance has been used for competition at many events including the UCWDC British and European Championships, and Worlds Itself.

Rob's own competitive routines are mainly choreographed by himself, although he often asks the advice of couples dancers Toby Munroe and Robert Royston.

Rob's main profession is with computers. As he puts it, he is a "computer geek"! Born and raised in San Francisco, California, Rob became involved with dance in the mid-eighties when break

dancing and street dance were the current trends. However, he began teaching line dance in 1994 and is keen to expand his reputation and develop a name for himself across the water. England, Scotland and Wales was an integral part of his first European tour during this spring. He plans a return visit in September this year to coincide with Pedro Machado's debut event in Stoke-On-Trent.

The Monkey Walk

At home his hectic schedule means he is away for over 30 weekends a year, teaching workshops, competing and now after gaining his UCWDC Judges' Certification training, judging. When not travelling, Rob can be found social dancing in his home state,

"Although," he points out: "Many places have closed over recent years, and the standard is not so high as it is on the East Coast or in Europe."

How does Rob feel about the current debates regarding country vs noncountry? Personally, he has a varied taste. His solo medley comprises music of both genres, characterised by comic interludes from cartoons and voice-overs. For Rob; "The most important factor is to entertain people!"

Future Plans

In terms of his own future within the dance industry, he would like to try his hand as an MC at events. He definitely possesses the gift of the gab, and this with his sharp wit and friendly personality leaves anyone who knows Rob in no doubt that he would be a natural!

His competitive aspirations include beating friendly rival, Pedro Machado, and of course, newly crowned Superstar Brian Barakauskas. But he would like to take this a stage further and become the first person to qualify in both the Superstars and couples Masters divisions.

The advice he would give to aspiring young dancers on the circuit is this; "Take lessons, practise, and don't forget that it's all for fun. Enjoy yourself!"



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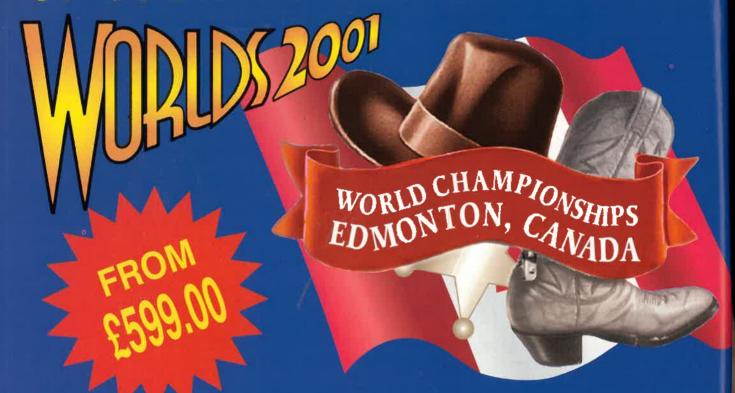
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A NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE RULES LAST YEAR HAVE BEEN LIPTED TO GIVE CREATIVE FREEDOM

Album Reviews

by Mark Stevens

ADD SOME SIZZLE TO YOUR SUMMER Some of you might remember that old 50s standard HEATWAVE. You know:" We're having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave. It isn't surprising, the temperature's rising..."

The temperature is certainly rising and no, I'm not talking about the weather. We've got some hot-off-the-presses CDs for you this month - Bluegrass, New Country, Folk/Rock and a bit of Pop and Disco (only a bit so keep reading!) Time to find a comfortable chair, put your feet up, mix a tall Texas style bourbon and branch (or whatever takes your fancy) and discover what the music industry has to offer.

When NO NEWS is definitely GOOD NEWS...

BMG has just re-released two Lonestar albums: 'Lonestar' and 'Crazy Nights'. Not only are these albums great Country music, but they're also going out at a budget midprice. Sounds like an offer you can't refuse, especially as NO NEWS is one of the tracks on the 'Lonestar' album.

Listening Value

OCCO A Ilit
OCCO Excellent
OCCO Very Good
OCCO Good

O Poor

Dance Value

QQQQ Excellent

QQQ Very Good

Good Good Listen Only

Half stars

STEVE EARLE

TRANSCENDENTAL BLUE

E-Squared Records

Listening Value 🗘 🗘 🔴	Dance Value 😂	
Track no. and title BP4	Track no. and title BPM	
01 Transcendental Blues	09 Wherever I Go	
02 Everyone's In Love With You116	10 When I Fall	
03 Another Town	It I Don't Want To Lose You Yet 120	
04 I Can Wait	12 Halo 'Round The Moon 156	
05 The Boy Who Never Cried 80	13 Until The Day I Die 210	
06 Steve's Last Ramble 186	14 All My Life	
07 The Galway Girl 169	15 Over Yonder (Jonathan's Song) 72	
08 Loneller Than This 82		



Steve Earle returns to the late 60's with his new album TRANSCENDENTAL BLUES.

This CD appears to be a very personal statement. Steve has written every track and describes the time he spent on this album as being, "Compelled to look back on the years of going through, above, as well as around my life, looking for loopholes to redefine everything including any and all of the ideas that I have held close to my heart along the way."

Those of you who enjoyed Steve's huge line dance classic, GOPPERHEAD ROAD, should find something to like in this new work. This is not Country music, new or old, nor is it really a dance album. At its best, it's a reminder of the folk music of singers like Bob Dylan and Donovan combined with some heavy rock influences and a smattering of old Irish folk tunes. However, this is also the album's

greatest fault. Steve Earle has a distinctive style from which he never deviates, and the album has no true highs or lows to capture your attention and make you feel you're listening to something truly special.

In addition to the main CD, a second CD containing live performances of COPPERHEAD ROAD, THE GALWAY GIRL, STEVE'S LAST RAMBLE and I FEEL ALRIGHT is also included. These tracks are more upbeat than the studio based recordings, especially in a lively 'Highland Reel' type of intro to COPPERHEAD ROAD, and the sounds of the audience singing along with Steve adds atmosphere.

If you're a Steve Earle fan, this is probably a CD you'll want for your collection.

ALICE'S BOOTS - Vol. 1

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Step By Step Records

Listening Value 🗘 🗘 🧶	Dance Value 🍪 🥸 🔾	
Track no. and title BPM	Track no. and title RPM	
01 Boots (Radio Mix)	10 Copperhead Road 158	
02 Heart Breakin Bootscootin 160	11 She's Gone	
03 Cotton Eye Joe 136	12 Passion	
04 Where Eagles Fly 138	13 Substitute	
05 Sweet Caroline 130	14 Step by Step,	
06 Bebop	15 Boots (Line Dance Mix) 112	
07 Dance The Night Away 144	16 Stand By Me	
08 Whistle Down The Wind 132	17 Lucy	
09 Baby Can I Hold You 76	18 All I Wanna Do 144	



This is another album of cover versions of well-known Pop and New Country tracks.

I should declare, up front, my general dislike of these kinds of albums, as many of them merely recycle old, reasonably popular songs that, when re-done, just don't seem to be as good as the original versions.

Alice's Boots Vol. 1 is a perfect case in point. There's nothing actually wrong with the album - the band handles the tracks in a professional manner, the vocals are pleasant and the tracks are a mix of 60s pop, 70s Disco and Country. There are certainly enough danceable

tracks as well: COTTON EYE JOE, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY, BOOTS (the old Nancy Sinatra 60s song), COPPERHEAD ROAD and STAND BY ME (Ben E. King's mega-hit, also from the 60s). But my problem here is there is absolutely nothing new or exciting on this CD.

This is probably not an album for DJs or those with large CD collections. However, for someone who wants one CD that will allow them to do some old, and a few more current line dances, this is one to consider.

TWANG THIS!

VARIOUS ARTISTS

BMG Entertainment International

Listening Value	Dance Value 🛇 🛇 🔵	
Track no. and title BP	of Track no. and title BPM	
01 Pop A Top Alan Jackson	8 10 She Wants To Rock The Warren Brothers	
02 Never Been Klased Sherrie Austin	8 11 After A Kiss Pam Tillis	
03 How Forever Feels Kenny Chesney	to 12 He Didn't Have To Be Brad Paisley	
04 Lucky Mc Mindy McCready	6 13 The Only Thing That Looks Good On Me Is You	
05 When I Said I Do Clint Black	4 Lorrie Morgan	
06 Imagine That Sara Evans	0 14 The Poor Boy Shuffle The Tractors	
07 Live, Laugh, Love Clay Walker	O 15 God Must Have Spent (A Little More Time On You)	
08 You're Gone Diamond Rio	2 Alabama FEAT N'Sync	
09 Boy Oh Boy The Wilkinsons	8 16 Missing You Brooks & Dunn	



This is what a compilation album should be: an excellent mix of top male vocalists, female vocalists and bands, each performing a major - and recent - hit song.

TWANG THIS! has something for everyone—with great dance tracks like POOR BOY SHUFFLE and MISSING YOU (check out Amanda Harvey-Tench's great dance to this one), POP A TOP (for Chris Hodgson's 'Honky Tonk Rock'), and LUCKY ME (try 'Islands In The Stream' with this). Also, 'SHE WANTS TO' ROCK (Allyson Cawood's 'Leroy Brown'—the fast version—works here), GOD MUST HAVE SPENT (a slow Sway) and LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE are all guaranteed to get you dancing till you drop.

And while you're catching your breath, listen to Sara Evans' IMAGINE THAT (a great slow, sexy ballad). HE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE from Brad Paisley's debut album and Lorrie Morgan's THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU. You've even got WHEN I SAID I DO, Clint Black's soppy ballad with his wife, Lisa Hartman Black, from 'D'lectrified', which I reviewed in March.

BMG Entertainment has done a great job of compiling an album that everyone will enjoy, even including those of you who follow the latest pop charts. N'Sync. currently one of the hottest pop bands in both the States and Europe, are featured on Alabama's GOD MUST HAVE SPENT (A LITTLE MORE TIME ON YOU).

It seems the boys were inspired to begin their professional career by the legendary Alabama and they're here to repay the favour. Is this where Pop finally meets Country?

If you don't already have many of the original albums, this CD is well worth adding to your personal collection.

WIRES AND WOOD

THE JOHNNY STAATS PROJECT

Giant Records

Listening Value 📿 🔾 🗘 🗘 🗘		Dance Value 📀	
Track no. and title	ВРМ	Track no. and title	BPM
01 Mandolin Meltdown	244	07 You Can't Take It With You When You Go:	210
02 Coal Tattoo	116	08 Catch Me If You Can	140
03 Legend Of The Ghost Coon	, , 124	09 Timbuktu	124
04 Wires And Wood			
05 Shafer's Reel		11 John "Barty" Jam	132
06 Escape From Taiwan			



Don't even think of trying to dance to this outstanding album - just sit back and enjoy the debut of a master Bluegrass musician and vocalist. Johnny Staats' first album, WIRES AND WOOD, places him firmly at the top of Nashville's Bluegrass superstars.

The man himself seems an unlikely star. His day job is driving for UPS, he hunts racoons at night and plays the mandolin in his spare time. Give the man all the spare time he wants and then some! Johnny not only plays and sings; he's written six tracks on the album, each with a personal story behind it.

Johnny Staats doesn't just play the mandolinas Tim O'Brien so rightly says, "He burns it, he hooks it, he eats it up. He mashes down a ton of tone, time and taste. In his hands, the mandolin soars and glides, pops and hisses, astounds and amazes."

The mandolin isn't the only thing on this album that amazes. Johnny's vocal style is like black coffee should be - hot, strong and smooth - and perfectly harmonises with the earthy tones of the music.

He gets vocal backing from such Nashville luminaries as Kathy Mattea, Sara Evans, Jon Randali and Tim O'Brien, and Sam Bush, the reigning king of Bluegrass, adds his special magic on mandolin and fiddle.

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Meet the Gang:

Bradley McIntosh



He's the one who is always up to mischief - but he always manages to get away with it. "I just do this big grin and people find it impossible to stay mad at me, " he grins charmingly.

Hannah Spearritt



She lives life to the extreme - her idea of relaxing is trying out an extreme sport such as parachuting or snowboarding. "1 air always on the go. When I was little I was really into swimming and tennis

and all sorts of sports," she says without pausing for breath. "I just love being active."

Jo O'Meara



The Karaoke queen of Romford. She is the one with the most tattoos - six and counting. "Every time I say never, ever again. But then I forget the pain until I'm sitting back in the tattooist chair!"

Tina Barrett



As an ex-professional dancer, Tina now band co-choreographs the band. When on tour she likes to keep fit. "In LA, I moved the furniture out of the lounge so I could practise gymnastics'

she explains. Unfortunately, the apartment manager was not so keen on Tina's home makeover.

Jon Lee



Joa is the joker of the group and makes everybody laugh especially Tina. "We get on because we share the same sense of humour - which just goes to show how a gov and girl can be best friends without there being any romance."

Rachel Steven

to do that. So I rest my case.



The romantic one of the group. She filled her LA apartment with photos and scented candles. When we had finished filming for the day, I would come home, light my

Vengaboys Competition Winners

The correct answer was:

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Paul Cattermole



candles and relax.*

The band prankster is

Paul. If he's not

squirting a giant

water pistol at Jo.

he is throwing an

unsuspecting Hannah

in the pool, "I had to throw her in", he

claims "She was

standing by the pool





Expect the unexpected. When The Double Team hit town, the only certainties are laughter and world class dancing. Jamie Pearson meets the most entertaining duo in line dance.

Matt Jenkins

"I'm the guy with the hair!" laughed Matt Jenkins. Green, pink, yellow; Matt has sported a rainbow of hairstyles at line dance events. He's stylish off the floor and skilled on it.

att (16) has keen eye for dance, as well as fashion. He said: "I see people try moves, and I pick up on them. A lot of people tell me I dance like Pedro. I've been told I'm a bit of a headcase!" Is this fair comment? Let's look at the evidence. As far as Matt's dancing goes, second place in Male Junior Teen Novice at Worlds 2000 is impressive. He is shaping up as a Pedro in the making. But it is Matt's dance floor antics that set hum apart from the rest.

Matt's costume for the Finals of this year's Universal Cup is a good example. He explained: "One leg was black jeans, the other was a blue three-striped Adidas tracksuit leg. One shoe was a trainer, the other was a dance boot. One half of my shirt was a western style shirt, the other half was an Adidas t-shirt." The outfit was rounded off by

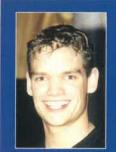
Matt's hat, which was, as you might guess, half Stetson, half baseball cap. "For the final, I had a wig and I'd arranged to walk onto the floor wearing a borrowed Tynedancer dress. But the organisers wouldn't allow it," sighed Matt.

Why does Matt play to the crowd? "I looked around the floor at the Universals and saw all these elaborate sparkly costumes. I couldn't pick out one person from the floor. So I walked out wearing a costume with a difference." Matt paused for thought, before adding: "The pink hair helped too, I guess." One of Matt's pet hates is a lack of smiles on the dance floor. "I always have the biggest Cheshlre Cat grin on my face," beamed Matt. "I was looking around at one event and saw some of the grumplest people. Nobody was smiting! So I thought: 'I'll smile.' A smile says everything." Who has the biggest smile in competition then, Matt or Tom 'Molars' Mickers? Matt thought hard. "I think that would be me," he replied with conviction and a grin.

'Smile and the judges smile with you' is Matt's experience. Following his second place at Worlds 2000, he has picked up a sponsor. Dance Krazy Fabrics, and he is aiming for top spot next year. "I will not be beaten again!" he boldly declared. Time will tell.

Matt is always entertaining, on and off the dance floor. He was once a children's entertainer, juggling rings and balls, and

Then Matt was at Worlds 2000, he was victim of mistaken identity. He recalled: "I had my Welsh flag jeans on, my Welsh flag jacket and my Welsh flag cap, and people kept coming up to me and asking if I was Scottish. It wasn't just the Americans; some Europeans thought I was Scottish too!"



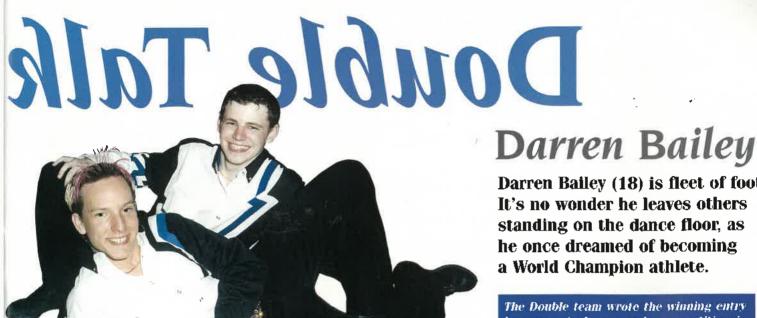


Who do YOU think has the biggest smile?

making animals out of balloons. Matt also performed as a magician and joined the Magic Circle. Visitors to his study-cum-workshop at home in Crumlin, Gwent, are greeted by the sight of half-flinished Stetsons, costumes and... a full size guillotine? "It's a great magic trick, Everyone screams!" he laughed. Magic Matt plans to include his stage props in a solo medley dance routine. But don't worry - heads won't roll if he only comes second. Win or lose, Matt just wants everyone to have fun.







ross-country was one of Darren's favourite activities at school. Just three years ago, he regularly competed as a 10,000m runner. It was at this time that he discovered line dance. He accompanied his Dad to a class in Abergillary. Darren's first dance was 'Ziggy', and he remembers it until this day. He laughed: "I was awful! Totally lost. All over the place." But Darren thoroughly enjoyed the evening, and he was determined to master line dance.

Athletics came second to bootscooting as Darren concentrated on his new hobby. After nine months, he turned his attention to competition. The competitive dancers inspired Darren. He saw Alan Clarke and thought: "I'd love to be that good." Darren found that, as with the athletics, there was one sure way to improve - practise hard. "I kept working on my variations," he recalled. "I either think them up, take parts from other dances or put in moves I've seen on TV. I always watch the Backstreet Boys when they dance." There is more to line dance than variations, of course. "You've got to work on technique," agreed Darren. "My posture's awful! I'm definitely working on that at the moment."

Darren set his sights on Worlds 2000. There was the small matter of qualification and the obstacles it presented. Darren said: "I turned up in Holland and they were all ten feet tail! I'm only short myself, so I was dodging elbows while I danced." Darren followed first places in France, Holland and London with the Novice Adult line dance title at Worlds. "I couldn't believe it," he recalled. "I'd always dreamed of being a world champion." Darren thought he'd be a champion athlete. but he is happy to lead the field in line dance.

Darren and Matt are best mates. They perform demonstrations together as 'The Double Team', and they run their own line dance club in Newport, South Wales. Is it an equal partnership? Darren smiled and replied: "Well, Matt comes down to entertain the crowd a couple of times!" While Matt makes them laugh, Darren takes responsibility for teaching the fifty plus class goers. That's teamwork Darren Bailey (18) is fleet of foot. It's no wonder he leaves others standing on the dance floor, as he once dreamed of becoming a World Champion athlete.

The Double team wrote the winning entry in a recent chorcography competition in Ross-on-Wye. The dance was 'CARP' [no. that's not a typol. The boys will do anything to give themselves an edge, and this time it was wearing skirts. Did the duo have the best legs? "Well, we had the



Much travelled but never been to camp, the intrepid Harry Seddon asks Pontins to "be gentle with him".

Hello Mother, Hello Father...

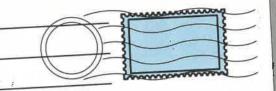
Now. I have been to dance weekends before, but they were in hotels and the weekend I'm about to describe took place at a holiday camp. I don't suppose they're called holiday camps anymore, probably 'Self don't suppose they're called holiday camps anymore, probably 'Self don't suppose they're called holiday camps or something like that. So as a Contained Holiday Experiences, or something like that. So as a Contained Holiday Camp Virgin'. I was a little apprehensive. Well you are the Holiday Camp Virgin'. I was a little apprehensive. Well you are the first time aren't you? What would it be like? Would I enjoy il? Would I want to go again?

This weekend was at Poutins. Blackpool, which is the Rob Jowler/Select Events weekend, but there are many other live dancing weekends up and down the country and I'm sure that they are similar.

So how did I find Poutius Blackpool? Easily because they sent me a little map! The accommodation was small but perfectly formed and consisted of all that was needed. Not that there was much time to spend indoors with all the dancing and eating. Which brings me round to food. It was good, wholesome and there was LOTS of it. Of course with lots of dancing there's a good excuse to eat a lot and I think that most people did.

The most important part of the weekend, of course, was the dancing and instruction and there was plenty of this also. The days consisted of eat dance, eat, dance, eat dance, with very little time for anything else.

Of course, being line dancers we didn't want to miss a moments dancing, so I considered missing a meal and having a rest instead!



The instruction was of high quality with lots of world class instructors and we learned 1 Idances. The dancing demonstrations by the instructors, choreographers and others, were terrific. Maggie the instructors, choreographers and others, were terrific. Gallagher and her Irish Dance Team treated us to an excellent display. The live music was unsit downable and the DJ was terrific.

So, would I go again? Yes. In fact we've already booked for the next one. If you've never been on a dance weekend, have a go. They are a great opportunity for lots of like-minded people to get together and forget our daily cares and routines and share our love of line dancing.

There is only one problem with spending a whole weekend line dancing, apart from exhaustion which does not count, is that anything else is mundane and you just can't wait to get back on the dance floor.

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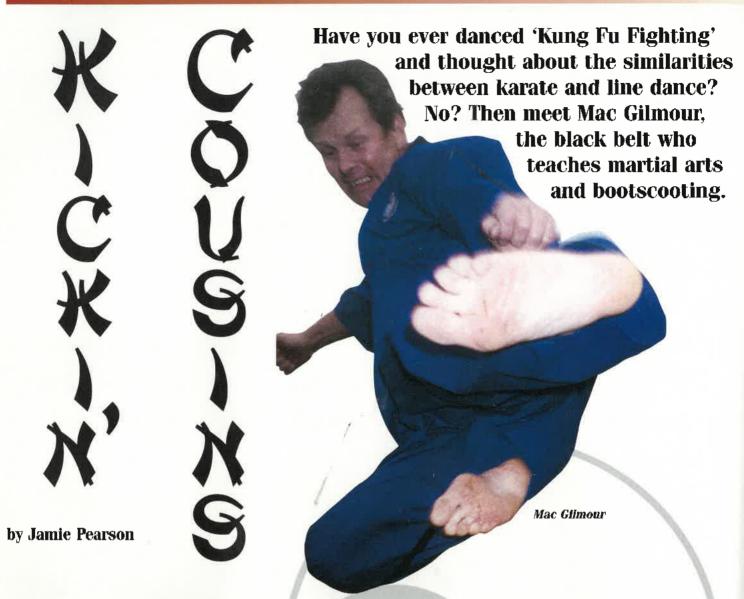


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KUNG-FU FIGHTING

Mac holds six black belts in six different martial arts. He takes his kung-fu seriously, and he is equally enthusiastic about line dance. Mac's bootscooting raises a few eyebrows among his karate pals, but he sees the two hobbies as kicking cousins. "Line dance and karate are both practised in a line, after all," argued Mac. "I teach martial arts to line dance music. We kick and punch to the Derailers. 'Moving on Up' by M.People is a great beat to do blocking to."

Line dancers who are dedicated to their hobby have much in common with skilled martial artists. "I think the discipline is similar for both," said Mac. "Martial artists have no room for error in competition, and it's the same for line dancers who compete." Ask Mac who's the greatest exponent of kung-fu, and as you might guess, he offers the name of Bruce Lee. But did you know Bruce Lee was a champion Latin American and Ballroom dancer? "Footwork is footwork, be it dance or martial arts," suggested Mac.

DAINTHDIL BR TBRF

Mac discovered martial arts while he was in the army. He explained: "I used to drink and fight a

lot, as one does! I picked on this one lad, who was smaller than me, but he was such a skilled fighter. I couldn't lay a hand on him! I thought this 'kung-fu' has to be good." Within six months of taking up 'Tigers Claw' kung-fu. Mac discovered the way forward was not through violence, but through the peaceful side of the discipline. Mac now teaches kinjitte Ryu, which means 'the unforgiven way' or 'the shadow'. He said: "In my 36 years of martial arts, I've only used it defend myself three times, and that's three times too much. If you want, you can set someone down with one finger, and I don't mean poking them in the cye, either! But it's only so you can do what God intended you to do - run like hell."

LITTLE BIT FRIGHTNING

Karate has put Mac in the record books. He holds two World Records for breaking timber, including breaking 100 pieces of 12" by 12" by 1" wood in 24.6 seconds. Mac's timber chopping exploits lead to an appearance on 'You Bet', hosted by Mathew Kelly. "My challenge was to break more timber in a minute than a chainsaw would cut!" recalled Mac. "It was for Great Ormond Street Hospital, and I raised £7500." There was one small complication, however. Mac broke his hand before the



challenge. "I'd shattered the knuckle of my little finger." he explained. "But there was no way I was going to call it off. Not when the money was going to charity. They gave me a flesh-coloured bandage and did some make-up on it. I meditated, blocked out the pain, and off I went. I don't want to sound like Rambo, though. It wasn't as bad as it looked." Rather you than me, Mac! Has he had many martial arts injuries over the years? "Well, I've dropped timber on my toes!" he laughed.

There's undoubtedly less risk to life and limb in line dance. Mac's wife, Penny, persuaded him to try bootscooting six years ago. He was an instant convert. "I just love it - the Western dress, the atmosphere at big venues, trying to find new dances," said Mac. "I enjoy going to classes and meeting people. To me, the greatest thing is that people smile while they dance. They even laugh when they make mistakes."

Three years after he started, Mac began teaching his own class. "What better way to do line dancing than teach it yourself?" he asked, rhetorically. "I just wanted to give other people the same pleasure I get from dancing."

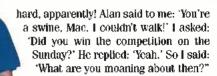
Mae and Penny run two classes. One is on a Wednesday night at Leigh and Brandsford Village Hall; the other is far more unusual - a class for over-80s! It came about by chance. "I work for Worcester City Council as a carpenter," said Mac. "I was working at a sheltered accommodation, and I asked the girls if they fancied trying line dance. They all love it now. I don't teach 'Beethoven's Boogie' or 'Ain't Going Down', of course! I teach Rumbas and Waltzes. I have to alter some of the steps, though, because the girls can't do the spins." Another of Mac's unusual line dance students is Russ Bradley, Britain's Strongest Man.

"He comes over, does a little dance, and once a month he trains with me in the martial arts," explained Mac.



Russ isn't the only celebrity who trains with Mac. "I taught Pedro Machado some arm and leg co-ordination exercises," said Mac. "I taught him how one hand can do one thing, while the other hand moves independently; how to react to what you see and not to what you want to do. He's incorporated a few of these moves into his dance."

Alan 'Renegade' Livett is a karate enthusiast, and the opening section of 'Pase'o Cha Cha' is an adaptation of a martial arts move. He turned to Mac for training, with unexpected results. 'Alan and I train to music. Often it's Country," confided Mac. "We kick to it, move to it and punch to it. Alan trained with me one Thursday, and again on Friday morning, before travelling to a competition. But when he got up on Saturday morning, he couldn't move, I'd worked his muscles too



Mac's interest in martial arts has developed into a fascination with eastern culture. When he's not entertaining himself with chopping or Cha Chas, Mac designs and builds Japanese-style furniture, complete with painted oriental designs. Mac is good company and a man of many talents. Alan Livett summed him up best: "There are few people you can really rely on when the chips are down, but Mac is one. He's a fun-joving individual with a big heart."

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Mac Facts:

Favourite choreographer:

"Lizzie Clarke has that fun element," said Mac. "I also like Pedro. I can't do half the stuff he does, but I like the music he picks for his dances."

Current dance favourites:

'Derailed', 'The Promise' and 'Black Ic3'

Favourite music:

Country music, 5ive, Backstreet Boys and the Line Dance Fever compilations. "I particularly like "Trampoline' by The Mavericks and 'Full Western Dress' by The Derailers," enthused Mac.





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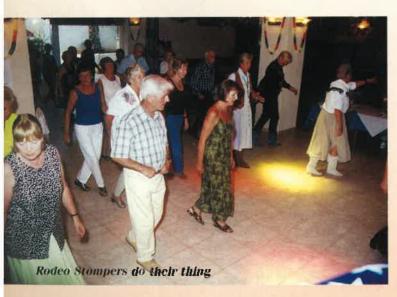
Sun, sea, sand and stomp. This month, Passport to Dance brings you a Spanish half-dozen of line dance holiday hot-spots to visit on your travels. Man in a suitcase: Stephen Parry.

Calpe, Alicante: Rodeo Stompers

On the Eastern side of Spain, Calpe is an hour away from Alicante. A thriving town with many ex-pats and European residents, Calpe's bars and restaurants ably cater for those tourists who come for its two sandy beaches and mountain scenery.

The Rodeo Stompers are now the responsibility of Barbara Ives and Elaine Goldsack. Barbara met Elaine in '98 while Elaine was there on holiday. She was so taken with the bootscootin' lifestyle that she moved permanently to the resort. Rodeo Stompers, in its new form, started last year.

Says Barbara: "Afternoon sessions are very popular. We teach one beginners' dance and then one for improvers. At the moment, the favourites seem to be 'Shania's Moment', 'Pot of Gold' and 'Jai' du Boogie'. Rodeo Stompers attract dancers from the neighbouring towns of Altea, Moriara and Javea. And, as Barbara says: "We are not sure how many holiday-makers will come to us but we have already had a few enquiries through Stompin' Ground." Brace yourselves, girls!



Benidorm Bootleggers

Fred and Marina were champion Latin dancers, so were always into the hot Iberian vibe. "We first tried line dance to relax," they told me. "But we loved the friendly atmosphere so much that we continued with it." The couple formed the Bootleggers three years ago and now have a mixed clientele of locals and regular holiday-makers. "We switch from venue to venue," said Marina. "but the tourists always find us when they come back."



A truly international set-up, the Bootleggers attract Belgians, French, Spanish and the occasional American. Tourists tell their friends and they come to see what the fuss is about. "Some dancers video us and take the tapes back to their clubs at home, which is very flattering," said Fred. Recent capers include Mad Mick in a grass skirt dancing 'Fenua'! Quality tuition and fun are always on this holiday menu.

Mallorca: San Toni Stompers

Veronica and Bill decided to make the big move to Mallorca a couple of years ago. and in order to stay in line, set up the San Toni Stompers on the North end of this popular island. "When we first arrived, we found line dance wasn't known here," says Veronica. "But now we are in our third year and have a core



membership of 40 to 50 regulars. One drawback with being based in a resort, however, is that we lose some regulars during the season, as they all work in the bars, hotels etc."

The Stompers also draw a multi-national crowd, and have been filmed for BBC

TV's 'Passport to the Sun' show. When back in England, Veronica and Bill catch up on UK developments with Derby's Westwagon Line Dancers, and the 'wagon's teacher, Bubby, San Toni Stompers also wish to let us know that the more traditional American Country line

dancing is going strong in Mallorca, and at San Toni, all tastes are catered for.



"I trained in ballroom and Latin American dancing from the age of eight," says Paula. "I moved to Benidorm and now teach many kinds of dance including both Techno and traditional line dance." Something of an extrovert, Paula is known for her arresting outfits and hard work, taking around a dozen multi-national classes a week at the Ambassador Hotel group of venues. "When people ask me what I do to relax," she says, "I simply reply: 'dance'"

Teaching just five minutes away from Benidorm's popular beaches, the holiday fun spirit is always present at Paula's classes, and is best summed up by Paula's recent brush with Spanish regional TV, "The interviewer was dressed in the TV studio's 'instant cowboy'

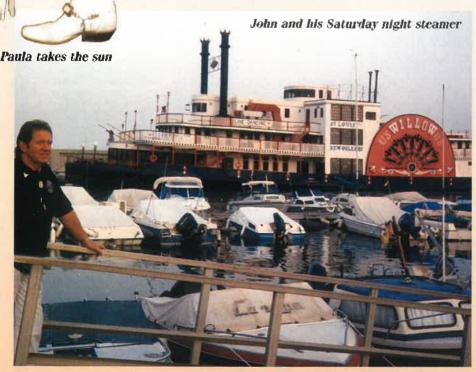


outfit," recalls Paula. "He spoke pidgin English and I still have limited Spanish. When he asked me what clothes were required for line dance, I thought he asked if there were any special clothes required, so I said: "nada" - no in Spanish. So I had just announced on Spanish TV that it is best to line dance wearing nothing at all!" Way to go, Paula!

Torrevieja, Alicante: Salt Lake Stompers

The Oasis Bar plays host to Salt Lake who are a genuine club with a range of beginners and intermediates. "It's a great mix," says instructor, Jacqueline Evans. Salt Lake have two social nights a week, where live music comes courtesy of Jacqueline's partner, Brian Lane. "We get a lot of people from Britain and Eire who have seen us in Stomping Ground in your mag," she tells me. "I refer to the dances in 'Steppin' off the Page' quite a lot."

One of Salt Lake's popular events is its 'Pig Roast.' The club hold this in the nearby Torrevieja countryside. "That is where we all dance the night away," says Jacqueline, intriguingly. Salt Lake features a lot of ex-pats and according to Jacqueline: "They tell us that line dance has boosted their social lives and is a fun way of keeping fit. I'd just like to say thanks to all my dancers, who help make this such a fun job."

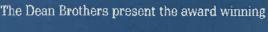


Malaga: Mississippi Coasters

The fantastic Mississippi paddle steamer, US Willow, has appeared in these pages before. Built in Louisiana, it came via Liverpool to Malaga's Costa Benalmadena Marina. Now equipped with a quality wooden dance floor, it is the venue for the Mississippi Coasters' Saturday class. Pat and John Morgan's club also has other classes in the region, and John tells us that the nearby Club Hipico has "...a great Ponderosa feel." A veteran of Ballet, Disco and Tap. Pat has been line dancing for five years and credits Paula Bilby and Martin Fox for helping her reach her current teaching standard.

Says John: "This part of the Costa Del Sol is ideal for sun, sand, sangria and parties galore. Prices are low, so it is the ideal place come and stomp in the sun."

For contact details of these clubs, check out the Spanish section of Stomping Ground.



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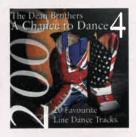
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Full House for Wales

On the first weekend of June, Machynlleth in West Wales was home to the second Annual Welsh Open Line Dance Championships. The Welsh Country and Western Dance Association hosted the event. Gill Knight and Matt Jenkins report.



Unfortunately, with only three weeks to go, we lost our original venue to a bingo event. To avoid civil war breaking out, we decided to move the Annual Welsh Finals to Gill Knight's home venue. Machynlleth Leisure Centre.

The Finals were run smoothly by Gill, the national organiser. There was a lively mix of competition and social dancing with a sprinkle of workshops. The event's head judge was Dave Harrison; other judges were Gill, Cath Harrison, Maria James and Brian Wright. Scrutineers were Reg Knight and Joan Hunt.

The rainy weather didn't bring the

competitors down; they arrived from all over Wales, bright, cheery and eager to dance. While registration was going on, the DJ played fun social tracks for the supporters, and what a lot of supporters there were!

The competition started with the Beginner division, the largest division of them all. Our heart goes out to all the judges, who had the gruelling task of scoring, as the standard was incredibly high.

The event went smoothly, with a social dance between each heat to give everyone the chance to dance. Throughout the weekend there were also workshops, by Dave Harrison, Derek and Terry (choreographers of 'Fenua Maohi E') and Gill herself.

During the competition, intermediate entrants danced 'Fenua Machi E', 'Islands in the Stream' and 'Meanwhile', demonstrating a very high standard of dancing. The routines were well choreographed, precise and the costumes were stunning.

In the evening, the entertainment was supplied by Dave Montana who did his famous 'Sold, the Grundy County Auctions' at 190 bpm! Between the stirring sets of live music we also danced to the sounds of Byron's Country Disco.

Sunday Morning saw everyone refreshed and ready to dance. Matt Jenkins kicked off the day with some waking up music for the early risers. After registration the choreography competition began. We had a rendition of 'Men In Black' and Derek and Terry's dance, 'Voices'. After the choreography we moved onto the teams. There wasn't a large contingent of teams but the ones that were there danced their socks off.

The Renegade division was the next competition to hit the floor. It was a Cha Cha and we had an hour to practise. The first heat was hilarious. Darren Bailey wore a fetching skirt and matching top and accompanied Matt into the middle of the floor for the couples Cha Cha (the audience were speechless). It was great fun but the duo decided not to dance couples in the finals!

Later on, Matt deejayed the Partner division. These couples had to dance "Tempted" and "The Sway". It was good to see so many couples on the floor, especially the younger ones.

Well done to all the dancers who entered. We hope you enjoyed the weekend and will come back again next year for the finals at Kiln Park, 20th - 23rd April 2001, and all our other competitions throughout the coming year.

WELSH CHAMPIONS FOR THE YEAR 2000

BEGINNER DIVISIONS

Junior Female ~ Sandra Jayne Reeves
Junior Male ~ Ben Evans ·
Youth Female ~ Nichole Penpraze
Youth Male ~ David Payne
Adult Female ~ Alice Jones
Adult Male ~ Terry Hill

Senior Female ~ Margaret West Senior Male ~ Dave Hook & Chris Hark (Joint Champions)

INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS

Junior Female — Catriu Jenkins
Youth Female — Georgina Evans
Adult Female — Stephanie Harris Thomas
Adult Male — Mark Brown
Senior Female — Jill Pridham
Senior Male — Clive Honeyman

ADVANCED DIVISIONS

Junior Female ~ Hannah Robinson Youth Female ~ Gemma Harrison Youth Male ~ Matt Lewis Adult Female ~ Whitney Macnab Adult Male ~ Darren Balley Scnior Female ~ Marina O'Sullivan

TEAMS DIVISIONS

Small Junior ~ Stephanie Jones and Carla Humphreys Small Adult ~ Freda & Michele Nicholls Medium Team ~ Cherokee Solo Junior ~ Hannah Robinson Adult Female ~ Gemma Harrison Adult Male ~ Matt Lewis

CHOREOGRAPHY

Beginner/Intermediate ~ Derek & Terry Advanced ~ Claire O'Sullivan

RENEGADE

Darren Bailey

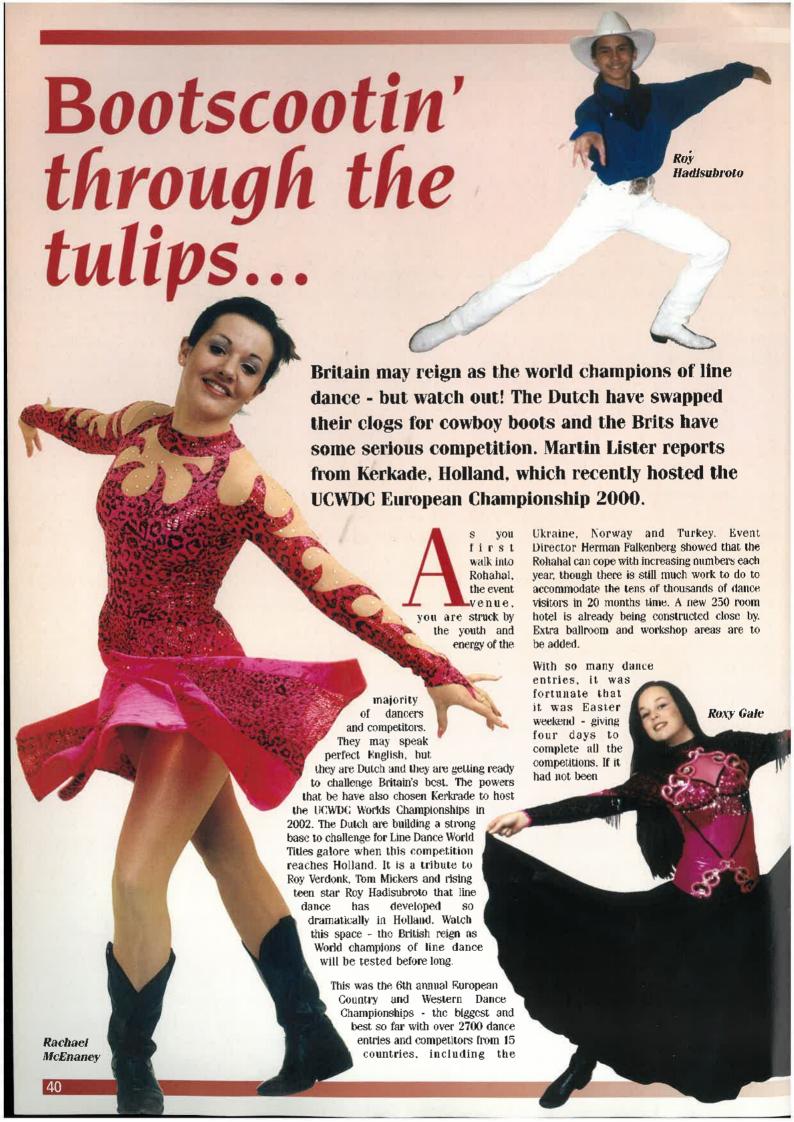
PARTNER DIVISION

Dennis & Joyce Brown

The Awards were presented by Cath and Dave Harrison.

You don't have to be Welsh to join, or dance under, the Welsh Association. Contact Gill Knight on 01974 298637.





for the surprise Jack and Jack Competition just prior to the awards, the weekend would have finished on schedule. This competition, born at Rick & Stella Wilden's London Dance Classic last year, raised a further 2000 Guilders (£600) for Cancer Research. After a hilarious display of Two-step, Waltz. and Polka by fifteen couples of "beau" and "belle", Glenn Ball and "Philippa" Grace were adjudged the winners.

But what of the serious competitions? The large entry in the Newcomer and Novice Junior Teen and Open Adult divisions required three rounds - quarter finals, semi-finals and a final - and Intermediate Open Adult Female two rounds for the judges to reach their decisions.

The Dutch took most of the titles in the Newcomer and Novice divisions, while in Intermediate and Advanced, the British secured half the titles, the remainder shared between Holland, Sweden and Ireland.

Glenn Ball took Male intermediate Teen ahead of Scott Bradley to reverse their only previous meeting. As in the highly competitive and top class Female Advanced Teen Division - won by Jodie Binsteed for the second year running - Glenn and Scott are likely to produce terrific contests in the future. They are improving with every step.

The Open Adult Advanced Male and Female divisions were won by Robert Valkhof and Klm Thijssens, and Advanced Male Teen title went to Roy Hadisubroto, all from Holland. Roy also took first place in Choreography, and a proud Malcolm White retained the Adult Male Showcase title.

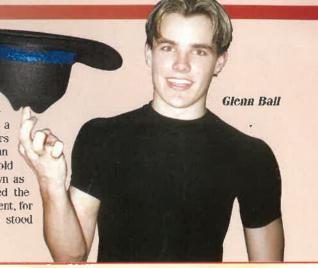
In Superstars, UK's Rachael McEnaney was in a class of her own at the top. Her medley was a treat, complete with helicopter spins and a spell-binding music box turn to

the sound of chimes. Holland's Tom Mickers successfully challenged the one and only Pedro Machado.

For me, the dance of the weekend was Barry Durand's 'Space Cowboy', which incorporates a sequence of very effective robot moves. It is certainly one to watch out for. With the Headliners from the UK and Superstar Rachael McEnaney, Barry showcased the dance in the Saturday Night Show. Other highlights were watching soon to be wed Worlds Masters Champions, Gary McIntyre and Lisa Richardson, display their skill, grace and charm on the dance floor. Bob Bahrs and Catriona Wiles performed an excellent Line and Couple routine, with Line Superstars Roy Verdonk, Tom Mickers and Pedro Machado alongside

Regina Perkins completing the enthralling show.

So who were the stars of the long weekend? Who stopped a floor packed full of eager dancers in their steps? None other than top dog Pedro and 6-year-old Shane McKeever from Co Down as they duelled moves and dared the other to copycat. It was a moment, for all but these two, when time stood still in the Rohahal.



UCWDC EUROPEAN LINE DANCE CHAMPIONS 2000

SUPERSTARS

Female Male Rachael McEnaney
Tom Mickers

RENEGADE

Open

Jodie Binsteed

CHOREOGRAPHY

Open

Roy Hadisubroto

SHOWCASE FEMALE

Open Adult Junior Jennifer Stephenson Jodie Binsteed

SHOWCASE MALE

Open Adult Junior Malcolm White Paul McAdam

ADVANCED FEMALE

Open Adult Teen Youth Primary Crystal

Kim Thijssens
Jodie Binsteed
Linda van den Berg
Siobhan Dunn
Lisa Mooney

Diamond Liane van Dijk-van Dun

ADVANCED MALE

Open Adult Teen Youth Crystal Diamond Silver Robert Valkdof Roy Hadisubroto Michael McChord Ernst Roggeveen Nicholas Cort Martin Lister

INTERMEDIATE FEMALE

Open Adult Teen Youth Crystal Diamond Silver Liz Hartley Roxanne Gale Sydney Smyth Anita Verhagen Sue Wilkinson Andrea Briggs

INTERMEDIATE MALE

Open Adult
Teen
Glenn Ball
Youth
Lee Eccles
Primary
Crystal
Silver
Silver
Barry Arbeider
Glenn Ball
Lee Eccles
Shane McKeever
Andre Fischer
Lennart Gustafsson

NOVICE FEMALE

Open Adult Sandra Tool Teen Michelle Nightingale Youth Kelly Sweet **Primary** Elizabeth Fenn-Tye Crystal Nicole Teurlings Diamond Jettie Schaapman Silver Anna Giovannelli Gold Hinke Bartelson

NOVICE MALE

Open Adult
Teen
David Marsh
Fouth
Primary
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Silver
David Marsh
Remy van Loon
Howard Lawrence
Hans de Kok
Ferdinand Smeers
Gerrit van Doorn

NEWCOMER FEMALE

Open Adult Laura White Teen Nisrine Sadoi Jade Allen Youth **Primary** Shanna-Louise Dirks Crystal Anny van Sambeeck Diamond Denise Beijleveldt Silver Martha Martinez Pop van Berkum Gold

NEWCOMER MALE

Open Adult Ralf van den Velden Teen Bart Stultiens Youth Marlon Ronkes Michael Sastrowitomo **Primary** Alex Boone Crystal Diamond Eddy Vandebosch Silver Peter Berger Gold Aad van den Berg

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couples. In Renegade, 11-yearold Sydney Smyth, danced "almost out of her skin", but was edged into second place by Lee. Current Renegade World Champion Roy Hadisubruto took third place. Not only did Roy have his work cut out with Lee, he found himself up against Glenn Ball in the battle of the 14-15 year olds. The score was 2:1 to Glenn, who took Male Showcase Junior Teen, and a new non-UCWDC competition. "Non-Country" division. This involved

fifteen contestants, three heats, one dance, "Switchblade USA" with the four-count tag. This was a dance extravaganza of youth, drawing on robotics, power and guile. Result: Glenn first, Roy second and Stacey Poulter in third place. But Roy did not leave title free; he won Male Advanced Classic Junior Teen yet again.

While the Brits dominated the top divisions, it was a different story in Novice and Newcomer. The overall winners were split primarily between Holland and Germany, plus two winners from Belgium. Sole British winner Paul Warden, in his second ever competition. Heading a field of 14, Paul took Male Novice Open. The largest divisions of the weekend, Female Novice Open and Newcomer Junior Teen, were won by Dutch ladies Ingrid Dam and Larissa Van der Loon. First place in Choreography went 10 Germany's Joachim Hering with 'Go on Movin'.



Kevin & Vicki Johnson

The Saturday Nite Show started on a sombre note as Joerg explained that Roy Verdonk was at the bedside of his flancee Patricia, who had been in a car accident. The reigning Worlds Masters Champions Gary McIntyre and Lisa Henderson were unable to perform some dances due to Lisa suffering an eye infection. However. we were treated to a performance of slow.

slinky, sexy, West Coast Swing with a climatic ending. Everyone's heart missed a beat as Cary released a horizontal Lisa from above his head, only to catch her securely - one foot above the floor!

Rachael McEnancy, fresh from her third place success at Barry Durand's Eastern Invitational Superstar Line Dance Challenge in Washington, performed her stunning routine. With a glorious Waltz, Joerg Hammer and Lucy Sloan showed what a great dance partnership they are and Kevin and Vickie Johnson had many rushing for their instructional videos after their fast stepping medley of dances.

But the event's standing ovation, led by the Judges, went to the Dancin' Fools, a team of 16 dancers with learning disabilities, trained by Reichold Thorsten. Their hard work over many weeks persuaded Joerg Hammer to introduce a special competition category for them to dance - Adult Newcomer Demo. Not a dry eye in the house.

For a full list of winners visit our website: www.linerdancermagazine.com

Paul Warden

(Male Classic Novice Open Adult Winner)

World Advanced Junior Teen Champion Lee Easton picked up a sackful of awards. Lee won all the line divisions he entered: Male Advanced Classic Open, Male Showcase Open (that's two in the bag

and

dismissed. Event Director, Joerg Hammer,

managed a superbly organised event with all

competitions and workshops starting and ending

on schedule. This must be a record! The only

delay - you guessed it - the awards ceremony, but

weekend in June,

enjoyed unseasonably

good weather. With

temperatures hitting 30°C

in the competition hall,

pleas to the event co-

ordinator to dispense with

the costume rules and allow

not by much.

swimwear were unfortunately

also won both couples competitions that he entered -Classic Couples Division Ingrid Dam 3 with Jodie Binsteed and the Jack and Jill (Female Classic, Novice Open with Tracey Davis. Not Adult Overall to be outdone, Jodie Winner) secured Female Classic Advanced Teen and a complete set of six Golds in Pro-Am Couples with

> Lee had to compete hard for his new titles. Classic

Kevin Johnson,

for Superstardom)

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Renegade.

Star Quality

Canadian connections. Awards trophies.
Romance on the dancefloor. Then there's the wooden Indian problem. Paula Bilby, founder of the Linedancer Club of the Year - Texas Star, talks to Stephen Parry about the many interests of Essex's finest.

fter a deluge of votes in February, Paula and Eric Bilby's Texas Star Club topped the inaugural pole for Linedancer Club of the Year. A fitting award, as the Stars feature in a lot of the mail we receive here at the mag. Charity events, name guests and general fun and frolics, Texas Star is always involved. When I get to chat to Paula, I find I have a list of topics to cover as long as my arm.

says Paula. "Maybe it's something in the club's atmosphere. One of which concerned our web-design man, who met his fiancée at a line dance class. Then there was the time Colin, who is another club-member. was at one of our social evenings. He wouldn't sit down because he had an engagement ring in his pocket!" This proposal led to a wedding, and according to Paula, the love bug has hit other Texas Stars, too. "It must be the seats we sit on!" she says.

Club of the Year



Romance

"Texas Star has had a few romances over the years,"

> "I still glance at the award in its glass case in our living-room, and think: 'Yeah. We did it.' Our whole life is line

music, trying to stay ahead, choreographing in my head when I'm in the supermarket, on a plane, all the time. The club is one big family. I know everyone's name. Mothers tend to start first, then they may bring along their daughter, husband, or even son." It's seems there's always a positive vibe amongst the Texas crew. "We're a whinge-free zone!" Paula laughs.





of Lynne: "she was born to write Country music."

Then there is also the Texas Star Band (how many line dance clubs can boast their own house band?). Eric teamed up with another guitarist who showed up at the club for line dance tuition. Add another couple of Texas Star lads and three female singers, and you have a ready-made line-up that writes its own tracks. Maybe Texas Star will transform into a record label in the future!

Canada Link

"Vivian Scott has been a regular at the club, and last year, we had a couple over from Toronto's Wild Rose Line Dancing Club. Eric and I recently went over to visit, and I was invited to instruct at the Kitchener festival. I ended up instructing to over 2,000 people. We're already organising a return visit." I ask Paula what benefits have come from her Canadian adventure. "We are better twosteppers, now," she says. "Every club should twin, swap dances over the e-mail, travel. Don't miss out!

Theme Nights

"Our class nights are social nights which happen to have dance instruction as well," says Paula. "So we like to throw in something different for our party events. Our Rock and Roll Night was such a hit," she recalls. Next, I get a role-call of Texas Star fancy-dress events. Valentines night, Hollywood movies ("we have a Yul Brynner lookalike,!") and Halloween ("our very first one!").

Big Name Acts

"As far as I know, we were the first club to bring Ronnie Beard over," says Paula. John Robinson, Max Perry, Michael Vera-Lobos have all strutted their stuff at Texas Star, while the Dean Brothers, Shameless and the Dirty Hat Band are among the many bands to have played the Texas Star stage. I put it to Paula that she is spoiling her class. "Try telling them that!" is her instant reply. Like all the best clubs, the Bilbys know that looking to book the top acts when they are in your neighbourhood is a never-ending business.

As previously featured in this magazine, the Texas Star crew ran in the London

Marathon 'this year in support of John Brennan's Link Radio. "More of us wanted to run, but we could only get so many entry tickets." Will Paula be taking part next year? "The only way I would ever do a marathon is to dance it," she says. Who knows?

"At Texas Star we're a whinge-free zone!"

When one of Eric and Paula's regulars revealed herself to be an aspirant Country song-writer, they got active. "Her name is Lyn Archer," says Paula. "She's been writing songs since she was in her teens and recently went over to Nashville to cut some of her tracks with a band." Eric and Paula have now got behind Lynne and have released a CD single, 'Whoops', There is now a dance to 'Whoops', courtesy of Paula, and as she says

Wooden Indian Update

In February's issue, we told the tale of a sixfoot wooden Indian who was dubbed 'Ole Texas', and fetched up in the Bilby's home after a Dean Brothers gig. Well, he's still in residence, and the latest news is that he has a brother! "After the piece in your magazine, we received a call from a family in Chelmsford, who have one as well," says Paula. "He's called Running Bear No-one's quite sure where these guys come from. Poland has been mentioned, but we are hoping a few more will turn up and solve the mystery."

Paula reflects on why line dance continues to exist in a state of good health. "Line dance takes practice, patience, tolerance, both for yourself and towards others. These are the qualities that go towards making a good person."





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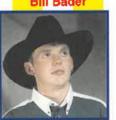
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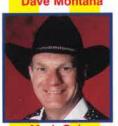














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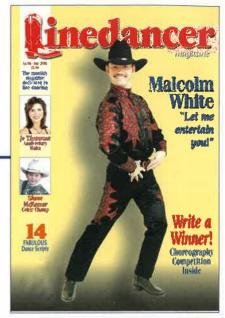
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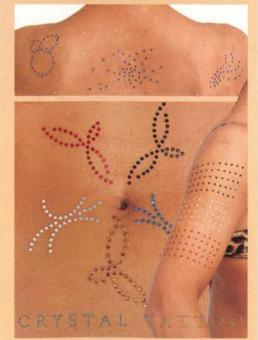
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On a mission indeed. Husband and wife duo the Grants are in the process of taking that big step from European Grant told Stephen Parry about their love of Country and future plans.

success to their first British release. Julie

hen I speak to Julie Grant, she and husband Dominic have just charged in from their rain-soaked Canterbury Garden. After a quick dryout, Julie is ready to tell me about the Grants' history, and the musical background they are bringing to British Country fans for the first time.

For those who don't already know, Julie and Dominic were part of 70's pop act, Guys and Dolls, who scored several major British hits. That, however, was a musical lifetime ago, as the Grants then went on to become huge Country sellers in Europe for most of the nineties (indeed, the couple also have a base in a Holland). Now on the UK promotion rounds for debut British single 'On a Mission', the time is right for the cross-over back to their home country.

"We went over to Country in the mid eighties," Julie tells me. "It was just a reflection of what we were listening to. We started to demo Country songs around 1985 and took it from there." 'Country Love Songs', the first Grants album, came out in Holland in 1989 and was the first step in securing Dominic and Julie's

European fan-base, which eventually saw another nine albums released in the nineties. Total European sales currently stand at over seven million. The up tempo 'On a Mission' is the ideal line dance soundtrack, as Ros Brander-Stephenson demonstrated with her nifty 32-count routine last issue. As for the music itself. Julie says: "It's very rocky and contemporary. Country music is rocky. It's ever evolving."

Julie herself is a social line dancer. "I'm a trained dancer, and when in Nashville I got involved. It's great to see hundreds of people all having a good time." Like 'On a Mission', much of the Grants' recent output consists of dance-friendly songs, and line dancing at their European shows is the norm, "The aisles do tend to fill out

with dancers all enjoying themselves." enthuses Julie.

Julie and Dominic's appearance on 'Live from the Palladium' has sparked a lot of home-grown interest in the duo, who are hoping to repeat the European success here. Julie is all too aware that this will be far from plain sailing. "Coming back into the British market is a big step. We are unable to get on the Radio 2 play-list at the moment, and we're aware that our roots are not Country, but we'll keep on trying. It's kind of like starting again, but we're looking forward to the challenge!"

Part of the process of learning their

Country craft has been the occasional Nashville trip, where the Grants went to visit the source. "We went to listen, initially, and then we recorded some tracks that appealed to us, with steel guitar, harmonica and fiddle. The Nashville musicians are so laid back, very helpful, and easy to work with. It's the best recording experience we've had."

A blend of covers and self compositions, the next Grants album will be cut around July with a view to an Autumn release. "I love recording in Summer," Julie says. "It always brings out the best in us." Let's hope the traditional British Summer gives them enough time to record more than just an EP!

An enthusiastic Julie then goes on to tell me about the Grants' line

dancer-based video shoots, and the sheer awe-inspiring spectacle of several hundred stylish people all in step. She says the Grants love nothing more than live performance, and some British shows in the near future are not out of the question. It seems the Grants have the UK bit between their teeth, and will be filling British Country floors on an ever-increasing basis.

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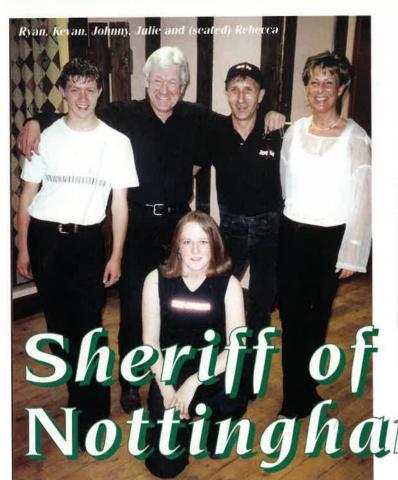
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Line dance outfits, boots galore and more belts, jackets and accessories than you can shake a large diamante-encrusted stick at, this is a line dance shoppers dilemma - what to buy? It's immediately obvious that this new centre has been designed with a view to being people-friendly. With 2,500 square feet of floor space to play with, there is plenty of browsing room and seating to catch your breath after checking out the impressive range of outfits.

Johnny & Rebecca test the new London Boots dance Hoor It's a friendly, knowledgeable atmosphere. We arrive to find Kevan's wife, Cheryl, going over dance-steps with local instructor, Julie Langstaff, while visitors drink a complementary tea and swap dancefloor tips. Kevan has been in the business for ten years at both retail and wholesale level, and imports clothes and accessories from all over the globe. The sheer range is unique. "We've got items from £2 up to about £300," he tells us. "We wholesale the 'OK' range of boots, for example, and

material and contacts we have, this is always possible." Having supplied outfits to too many line dance celebrities to mention here, the stars of stage and screen are now walking in through the London Boots doors, Freddie Starr, Billy Comnolly and most recently, Frank Skinner have all treated themselves to a quality shirt, Salsa, Swing, Rock 'n' Roll, Western or line dance; all manner of style is here.

To the back of the premises is the real clincher - the London Boots hardwood floor. When we arrive, Johnny Two-Step is taking a private class with Ryan Pearson, partner of Kate Sala and a recent winner at Prestatyn's Universal Cup Grand Final. When he finishes his session, Ryan is full of praise for this new teaching-venue. "I think this is a great idea," he says. "I was looking around, before, and I've got my eye on one or two shirts."

Freddie Starr, Billy Connolly and most recently, Frank Skinner have all treated themselves to a quality shirt.

they are going very well." Kevan and Cheryl say that, as far as boots go, glitz and metallic are the big line dance fashion statement at the moment.

A look around the walls confirm that this is a centre run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts. Country-themed family parties, album sleeves, pictures of Country bands, and a considerable amount of correspondence from happy customers tell of the effort and care that go into an enterprise such as this, Kevan is one of the lucky few who get to combine their personal passion with their business. Also in the thick of things is son, Gavan, who can be seen manning the London Boots Marquee at line dance and Country events around the UK.

Nosing through the shirt-racks proves to be a real eye-opener. Kevan, who puts racks of Western and line dance wear side by side ("I don't believe in boundaries," he says - wise words indeed!) can do social, competition, and of course, customised wear. "A lot of dancers will want a shirt that is absolutely one of a kind. With the range of styles,

This is the ideal opportunity to shop, have a coffee, and book a session with an instructor or choreographer. As we chat with Rebecca Lane, who is next up for her class, the authentic saloon doors that lead to the dancefloor burst open, and there is Mr Two-Step: "Come into my parlour!" he commands. It seems the "parlour" is destined to be a major draw for aspirant dancers in the Nottingham area.

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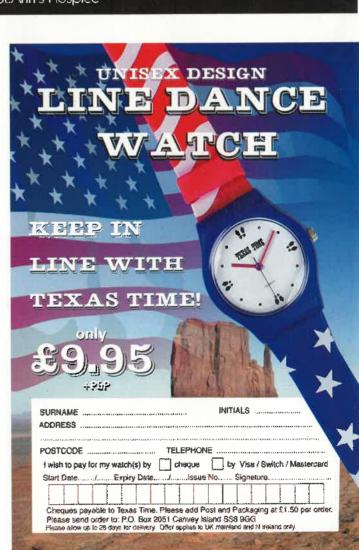
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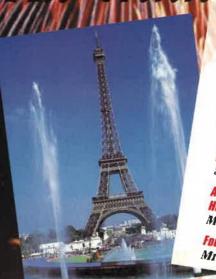
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Over 140 birthday messages have been pasted on our website. Linedancer fans from Australia, Norway and Sweden have sent their best wishes too. Many of our readers showed a poetic flair and all were witty, touching and sincere. So, as you can imagine, it was hard work choosing a winner! However, Yvonne Dawkes litty ditty made us laugh out loud, so Yvonne wins the free annual subscription. Thanks to everyone who entered - all your kind messages were appreciated. See below winning entry and a selection of messages from our well wishers. for the

Just in time, I joined the line And danced away my blues. But now I find, oh woc is I. Eve danced away my shoes! Happy birthday Linedancer and many more. Yvonne Dawkes

I don't believe you are only four My blisters tell me you must be more! HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Sue Slade

Happy Birthday to the Linedancer crew You know you're the best and never number two! Andy Race

As 4 years of eight counts make thirty two beats then this is the best dance we could have had. Looking forward to the next phase! Keith & Shirlea

Happy Birthday to you Buckles, belts and boots too, Happy Birthday dear Linedancer Hats Off to You. Josephine Muldoon

Let's have a toast with "Adams Ale" Then we'll have a "Jump, Jive and Waii" Let's all shout "Hip, Hop, Hooray" To wish Linedancer Happy 4th Birthday Amanda Clarke

Your horn I am tooting' For those who like bootscootin'. Your reports are great. They keep us up to date. HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY Cindy Trobaugh

Happy Fourth Linedancer years, if it wasn't for you dear people. I would be sitting at home getting old before my time. I am going to dance till my bones can't take any more - that will be when I hit 104. Cathy Dve

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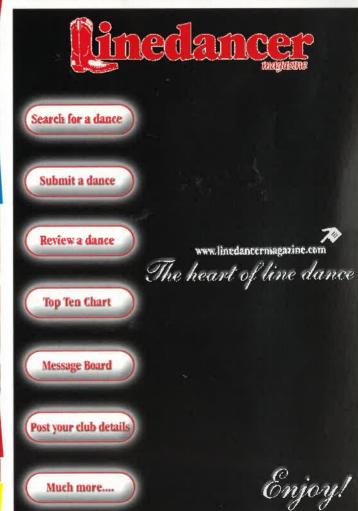
A regular original ... 4 years old! Karen T.

Happy Bootday! Thanks for keeping us in line! Lesley & Claire Thomson

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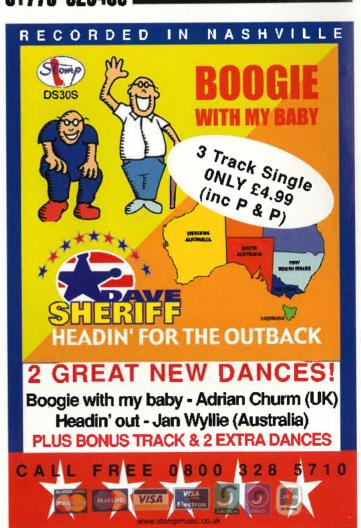
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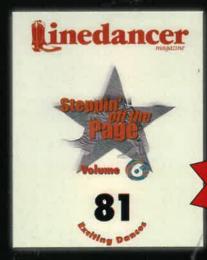






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Friday 11th August. Wolverhampton Goodyear Pavilion. 8pm till 12am. Easy Rider and Disco Side-Kickers do their thing in aid of the Good Shepherd Trust. Tickets £4 in advance and £5 on the door. Call 01902 773721.

Wilde Wild West

Pop star, subject of a million boyhood dreams and now line dancer! Kim Wilde was in attendance at the Vintage and Classic show in aid of the East Hertfordshire Breast Unit Appeal The show offered classic cars and line dance aplenty with instruction from no less than Sharon May, Alan Clark and Mark Cook, who also handed DJ requirements. Museum Motor Whitewebbs provided the vehicles, while Kim and her husband, Hal were persuaded to take their first steps by Mark and Sharon. Kim, who is one the charity's patrons, charmed the crowd, chatting and signing



autographs, and enjoyed her introductory stomp. A successful, well-attended day, the event raised an impressive £3,325 for the East Hertfordshire Breast Unit Appeal. Organiser, Vicky Adkins would like to thank all who attended and helped made this attractive combination of cars and Country a success.

Friday 18th August. Jaguar Sports and Social Club, Coventry.

Lonestar Country host an evening of live music and line dance in support of the Raphael Lourdes Pitgrimage. Line dance instruction will be given by Dynamite Dot with live music from Lonestar Country. DJs will be Hot Dogs and Gool Cats. Tickets are limited and available from Nicki on 024 766 77800. For more details see website www.lonestar-country.com

Saturday 19th August. Aberdeen Exhibition Centre, Aberdeen.

Twelve hours of the finest in line dance featuring Eddie Romero, Pam McBeth and Paul Farnell, the UK's number 1 Country music DJ. Also on the programme is the Universal Supreme Line Dancing Champions' Final and the chance for amateur line dancers to get up and strut their stuff. Tickets are £12.50 (£10 concession) plus £1 booking fee. For details call Aberdeen Box Office on 01224 641122. All proceeds go to the Aberdeen Safer Community Trust.

Saturday 26th August. Vale Park, New Brighton, Wirral. Noon till 8pm. A Bar-B-Q line dance afternoon, £2 on the gate. Bring your own food to cook, and prepare to boot-scoot with Chay's Stompers and co. Proceeds go to 12 month-old cerebral palsy sufferer, Ryan. For details tel 0151 639 2141.

Toy Story

Shropshire's Feel the Beat line dancers raised £150 for Toys, books, games and other goodies for a local women's refuge. The refuge supports women and children during times of domestic crisis. Says club leader. Barb Heighway: "On the day of presentation (see picture), we found that some of the toys were needed by the families immediately." Feel the Beat would to like to thank all liners who support their charity fund-raisers.



Friends Turn Out for Gabrielle



Sussex-based instructor. Gabrielle Hancock, was the recipient of a benefit by friends, club-members and fellow stompers in the area, as they converged on Crawley leisure centre for a Charity Line Dance night in support of Gabrielle, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

A dedicated instructor and club organiser, one of Gabrielle's immediate concerns on receiving her diagnosis was the welfare of her class! Karen Jones, who has taken over Gabrielle's students, takes up the story. "You feel helpless and inadequate at a time like this. We wanted to give her some happiness as soon as we could, a holiday perhaps. We wanted to show that we care about her and her family."

These line dancers decided to express themselves the best way they know how - on the dance floor. Says Karen: "We e-mailed the list for help and as soon as we explained the situation, everyone offered their services. Other local clubs offered to sell tickets for us and they even closed down on the night of the event." Such is the high regard in which Gabrielle is held. A recent operation,

showed that Gabrielle required more treatment - the time was right for a show of support from the local line dance community.

Non-dancing friends and relatives also lent their support for the evening which was billed as a 'Cancer Support Evening' and held on an evening it was known Gabrielle was at the Channel Islands visiting her daughter. "We were determined to make the raising of cash a surprise," says Karen.

On the night, over 400 people attended. Members of the line dance community from far and wide joined in. Teresa and Vera taught from the 6ft high platform. Barry Porter and Paul Hullat danced their 'Smooth Criminal' to the Michael Jackson track. Teresa and Vera had already arranged a charity dance at their club, whilst Alan Robinson and Barry closed their clubs for the night.

Johnny Two-Step and Fi stormed it as usual, and like all other line dance acts that night, performed for free. Many others helped out and businesses donated raffle prizes, all helping to push the grand total upwards of £4000.

On the Monday following the event. Gabrielle was presented with the money and a video of the evening's events, including messages from all the performers. However, after much persuasion, she thought about it and then revealed that she and her husband had never had a honeymoon in all their years together. Gaby, who also has three children, will now get the opportunity for that long-promised break.

Says Karon: "We are well aware that money cannot make up for bad health but it takes the pressure off bills and other sundries. We just think it brings a little happiness and some good times for Gabrielle and her family."

At time of writing, Gabrielle is commencing her treatment and considering where to travel to with her newly-found holiday fund. "I'm still gobsmacked," she told me. "I would just like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thanks to Karen and all who gave their support."

Medals and Money

The Scuffs n' Struts Line Dancers recently achieved twice over. The crew recently passed their bronze and silver medal exams with flying colours. Next came the news that thanks to donations from the club, another £100 had been raised for the Motor Neruon Society, Scuff's chosen charity.



All Wight on the Night!



Wight lines and Vines celebrated its first anniversary with another charity giveaway. Cheques totalling £500 were presented to P.H.A.M.L.Y, who send physically or mentally handicapped children on holiday. The funds will go toward their school fund. This is the latest in a long line of benefit events by the Isle of Wight club, and more are on the horizon, including events for Help the Aged, British Diabetic Association and Unique. For details of these forthcoming events call Phil and Anita on 01983 760873 or Martyn and Tracy 01983 853221.

Dusty Delight

As mentioned in June, Mansfield's Dusty Boots did their bit for the British Heart Foundation with their latest charity night. On this occasion they had help from the one and only Pedro, which helped swell the coffers to £425. Here's a photo of Dusty Boots' Lauren and young friend with the final cheque.

The next Dusty Boots charity night is on September 16th, when Ethan Allen will be appearing in support of the same charity. For details of this event, call 01623 650817.



Lifesavers

Gillingham's Medway Rebels, led by Chrissy Brunton, raised £168 for the RNLI, thanks to a Charity Dance Night held at Aburound House, featuring the musical talents of Tennessee Rebel. Around 100 people attended and it looks as though this successful evening will become an annual RNLI benefit. Well done to all.

Slap-tastic!

Well done to Holloway's Barry Cook, who bravely had all his hair shaved off for charity. This sacrifice was made at a London line dance event, which pulled in £2200 in total. All proceeds go towards helping teenager, Stephen Morgan, who was struck down with meningitis. Let's hope Barry has enough cash to buy a hat!

Rave On

The Owley Wood Club, Weaverham was the scene for a social evening in aid of Cheshire's St. Łuke's Hospice. Instructor for the night was Dave 'the Rave' with DJ Syd Wagstaff from Witch FM. Said the Rave: "...It is good to raise money for such a worthy cause and see so many people enjoying themselves a the same time." Many of Dave's 'Red Hot Ravers' were in attendance, bringing In £450.

Bouquet Corner

Bouquets this month go to ...

Paula Baines - Benidorm



We had such a great time out in Benidorm, and at the Ambassador Hotel and Western Saloon, you can line dance four afternoons and evenings every week. The lovely Paula leads the dances and never leaves the floor. Line dancers take note - you can't go wrong in Benidorm with Paula and DJ Alan!

From Terry and Eric Roberts

Wild Dance Ranch, Norwich

I would like to thank all those at the club for their support over the last nine months, as I am now about to finish teaching for a while to have my baby. I would particularly like to thank Christine, Sheila and Cheryl for being my "feet" up on the stage in the last few weeks to give me a rest. Thanks also to the other instructors who will cover for me. Thanks also to Sarah for running such a great club. I will miss everyone while I'm off, but look forward to coming back. From Karen Fairweather

Larry and Sadie Ferris

Well done Larry and Sadie of Carolina CMC for all the hard work organising the 'Fabulous Bundoran Festival', now firmly established in the Irish line dance calendar. Around 400 folks attended, and everyone agreed it was a roaring success. Thanks also to the DJs and bands who kept us rocking well into the night. Larry, Sadie, along with Derek and Heather also do amazing work for local charities, and so far have helped raise £6000 for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice Fund, Your simply the best.

From Anne Anderson

le Thompson!

I would like to send Jo a big hug with lots of kisses for her amazing workshop at Maryport, Cumbria, on May 5th. It was the best instruction I've every had, and Jo made myself and my friends feel very welcome. Jo was also willing to take a look at some of my own dance scripts and offer advice. I wish her all the best and look forward to another workshop when she returns in October. Jo I want you to know you're a star!

From Nicola Glenc (16), Middlesborough.

Boogie Benefit

Brentwood's Texas Boogie LDC held a benefit party for a local family who suffered tragic losses in a house fire. Friends, neighbours and relatives of the bereaved family were in attendance along with members of other local clubs. Local support brought in almost £500 on the night. Organiser, Trish Chapman wishes to thank all involved with the event.

Getta' Load a' Roadies

Redneck Roadies from Staffordshire recently held a spectacular line dance evening in support of the British Heart Foundation. With over 80 eager stompers in attendance, the June event was a rip-roaring success. Roxy Gate gave a world class demonstration, and an excellent £456 was raised for the charity.

Time Enough for Countin'

They call 'em the Gamblers, but Hexham's Gamblers CMC took no chances with their Charity Night in aid of the Priory Special School. At the end of the night, the Gambler's winnings totalled £364, which was then presented to the school. Organisers Jimmy and Vera Innes arranged for up-and-coming band Stepping Stones and young singer-songwriter Susan Hedges to entertain the dancers. Thanks go to Jimmy and Vera for a memorable event.



The Low Down



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During the preparation of this month's magazine the Linedancer Team downed tools and headed south to the Millennium Dome for a world record breaking line dance attempt. What a spectacular sight it was too. Well done to everyone who turned up from all over the country and some from even further afield. While looking at this month's selection of dances don't forget that you can now go onto our web site and post a review of individual dances. If you're not sure what to teach this will be a great help.

The closing date for this years Linedancer Choreography competition is 31/7/2000 so get your skates on if you plan on entering.

Moon Time - Page 63

Having recently been on tour around the UK, Bill Bader from Vancouver, Canada has left for home leaving behind some cool dances. Moon Time is a 32 count beginner dance choreographed by Bill to help teach kick ball change steps. Bill gives several music suggestions but encourage you try your own choice. He has dedicated this dance to his first line dance instructor Maxcy Moon, who taught Bill his first line dance twenty years ago.

Mad 4 It - Page 69

If you are looking for a fun, happy dance, this is it. Although not a country track, Reach by S Club 7 has a real feel good factor to it and has recently been riding high in the charts. Choreographer Daniel Whittaker also suggests adding some arm movements. As the group sing 'Reach for the stars' you can do exactly that by raising you arms in the air. Well done Daniel, great dance and sure to be a big hit.

Rainbows End - Page 73

Jan Wyllie from Australia is the choreographer of this 64 count dance, which is going down a storm. Heather Myles supplies the music with her 171 bpm track Rock at the End Of My Rainbow, from her must have album for any instructor Highways & Honky Tonks. With nothing in the steps to worry you too much all you have to do is build the speed up.

G.I. Blues - Page 74

Danced to Elvis Presley's track of the same name, G.I. Blues hook is a little salute performed during sections two and three. An intermediate, four wall dance choreographed by Grace Coleman, G.I. Blues has captured the imagination of dances around the country. Enjoy.

Bill Bader (Canada)



Moon



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Kick Ball Change & Shuffle, Left Kick Ball Change & Shuffle.		
1 & 2	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
3 & 4	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
5 & 6	Kick left forward. Step left beside right. Step right in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
7 & 8	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Section 2	Forward Rock, Right Shuffle Back, Left Shuffle Back, Back Rock.		
9 - 10	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward, Rock.	On the spot
11 & 12	Step back right. Close left beside right. Step back right.	Shuffle Back	Back
13 & 14	Step back left. Close right beside left. Step back left.	Shuffle Back	
15 - 16	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
Option:	Steps 11 - 14 can be replaced with two 1/2 turning shuffles travelling back and turning right.		Turning right
Section 3	Right Kick Ball Change, Side Right, Slide Left Together, x 2.		
17 & 18	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
19 - 20	Step right to right side. Slide left beside right.	Right. Together.	Right
21 & 22	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
23 - 24	Step right to right side. Slide left beside right.	Right. Together.	Right
Section 4	Forward Rock, 1/2 Turn Right, Hold, Forward Rock, 1/4 Turn Left, Hold.		
25 - 26	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward, Rock.	On the spot
27 - 28	On ball of left make 1/2 turn right stepping right forward. Hold.	1/2 Turn, Hold.	Turning right
29 - 30	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Forward. Rock.	On the spot
31 - 32	On ball of right make 1/4 turn left stepping left to left side. Hold.	1/4 Turn. Hold.	Turning left

Four Wall Line Dance:- 32 Counts. Beginner Level.

Choreographed by:- Bill Bader (Can) May 2000
Choreographed to:- 'Marty Stuart Visits The Moon' by Marty Stuart (152 bpm) from Love & Luck CD (16 count intro). Music Suggestions:- 'Highway 40 Blues' by Ricky Scaggs (122 bpm); 'Blue Kentucky Girl' by Emmylou Harris (116 bpm); 'You Are The One' by Carlene Carter (106 bpm).



Country Heart



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Toe Points, Cross Right, Point Left, Cross Left, Point Right.		
1 - 2	Point right toe forward. Point right toe to right side.	Front. Side.	On the spot
3 - 4	Point right toe back. Point right toe to right side.	Back. Side.	
5 - 6	Cross right over left. Point left toe to left side.	Cross. Point.	Left
7 - 8	Cross left over right. Point right toe to right side.	Cross. Point.	Right
Section 2	Rîght Shuffie, Step 1/2 Pivot Right, Grapevine left.		
9 & 10	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
11 - 12	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
13 - 14	Step left to left side Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
15 - 16	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Step. Touch.	
Section 3	Grapevine Right, Right Sailor Step, Left Sailor Step.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side, Cross left behind right	Step. Behind.	Right
19 - 20	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Step. Together.	
21 & 22	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Right Sailor	On the spot
23 & 24	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place.	Left Sailor	
Section 4	Right Sailor Step, Left Sallor Step, Kicks, Coaster Step.		
25 & 26	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Right Sailor	On the spot
27 & 28	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place.	Left Sailor	
29 - 30	Kick right forward. Kick right to right side.	Kick. Kick.	On the spot
31 & 32	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	

Choreographers Note:- When facing back, weight starts on right foot, and all steps lead with the left, and turn left.

Two Wall Line Dance:- 32 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Jacqui Cargill (UK) May 2000.

Choreographed to:- 'Hello Mr Heartache' by Dixie Chicks from Fly album (start after words 'I've been expecting you').



Mexican Cuphia Browne

proved by	MIDARA COURLE		Christina Browne
STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Forward Rock, Shuffle Back, Left Full Turn Travelling Back, Shuffle Back.		
1 - 2	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward. Rock.	On the spot
3 & 4	Step back right. Close left beside right. Step back right.	Shuffle Back	Back
5	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left stepping forward on left.	Turn	Turning left
6	On ball of left make 1/2 turn left, stepping back on right.	Turn	
7 & 8	Step back left. Close right beside left. Step back left.	Shuffle Back	Back
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Section 2	Back Rock, Right Shuffle, Left & Right Rock & Cross Steps.		
9 - 10	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
11 & 12	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
13 & 14	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place. Cross left over right.	Left & Cross	Left
15 & 16	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place. Cross right over left.	Right & Cross	Right
Section 3	Forward Rock, Coaster Step, Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Right Shuffle.		
17 - 18	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Forward. Rock.	On the spot
19 & 20	Step back on left, Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	
21 - 22	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
23 & 24	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
Section 4	Step 1/4 Turn Right, Cross Shuffle, Side Right, Touch, hip Bumps.		
25 - 26	Step forward left. Pivot 1/4 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
27 & 28	Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Cross Step Cross	Right
29 - 30	Step right to right side. Slide left to touch beside right.	Right Slide	
31 & 32	Step left to left side, bumping hips - Left, Right, Left.	Left Hip Bumps	Left

Four Wall Line Dance:- 32 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Christina Browne (UK)

Choreographed to:- 'Mexican Girl' by Paul Bailey (124 bpm) from Kickin' Country CD.



BEGINNER/INTERIMEDIATE

Crazy Vuaida Dreams



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Forward, Touch, Kick Ball Change, leading Right then Left.		
1 - 2	Step forward right. Touch left beside right.	Forward. Touch.	Forward
3 & 4	Kick forward left. Step left beside right. Step right in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
5 - 6	Step forward left. Touch right beside left.	Forward. Touch.	Forward
7 & 8	Kick forward right. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
Section 2	Forward Rock, Triple 1/2 Turn Right, Syncopated Weave Right.		
9 - 10	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock. Step.	On the spot
11 & 12	Triple step making 1/2 turn right, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Triple Turn	Turning right
13 - 14	Cross left over right. Step right to right side.	Cross. Side.	Right
15 & 16	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Behind & Cross	
Section 3	Monterey 3/4 Turn Right, Right & Left Heel Switches, Step, Touch.		
17	Point right toe to right side.	Right	On the spot
18	On ball of left make 3/4 turn right, stepping right beside left.	Turn	Turning right
19 - 20	Point left toe to left side. Step left beside right.	Left, Together.	On the spot
21 &	Touch right heel diagonally forward right. Step right beside left.	Right &	
22 &	Touch left heel diagonally forward left. Step left beside right.	Left &	
23 - 24	Step forward right. Touch left beside right.	Step. Touch.	Forward
Section 4	Monterey 1/2 Turn Left, Right Shuffle, Rock Step, Triple Full Turn.		
25	Point left toe to left side.	Left	On the spot
26	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left, stepping left beside right.	Turn	Turning left
27 & 28	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
29 - 30	Rock forward left. Rock back onto right.	Rock. Step.	On the spot
31 & 32	Triple step a full turn left, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Turn	Turning left
Option:	Steps 31 & 32 (full turn) can be replaced with a left coaster step.	(Coaster Step)	(On the spot

Four Wall Line Dance: - 32 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Amanda Harvey-Tench (UK) Feb 2000.

Choreographed to:- 'Crazy Dreams' by Patsy Cline & Mila Mason (125 bpm) from Patsy Cline Duets CD (start on vocals).





STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Side Right, Hold, Side & Touch, Point, Cross, Unwind 1/2 Turn, Clap.		
1 - 2	Step right to right side, Hold.	Right. Hold.	Right
& 3 - 4	Step left beside right. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	& Right. Touch.	
5 - 6	Point left to left side. Cross left behind right.	Left. Cross.	On the spot
7 - 8	Unwind 1/2 turn left, weight end on left. Hold and clap.	Unwind, Clap.	Turning left
Section 2	Side Right, Hold, Side & Touch, Point, Cross, Unwind 1/2 Turn, Clap.		
9 - 10	Step right to right side. Hold.	Right, Hold.	Right
& 11 - 12	Step left beside right. Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	& Right. Touch.	
13 - 14	Point left to left side. Cross left behind right.	Left. Cross.	On the spot
15 - 16	Unwind 1/2 turn left, weight end on left. Hold and clap	Unwind. Clap.	Turning left
Section 3	Forward Rock, Back Shuffle, Back Rock Forward Shuffle.		
17 - 18	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock, Step.	On the spot
19 & 20	Step back right. Close left beside right. Step back right.	Back Shuffle	Back
21 - 22	Rock back on left. Rock forward onto right.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
23 & 24	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Section 4	Grapevine 1/4 Turn Right, 1/2 Turn Right with Hitch, Heel Struts.		
25 - 26	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
27	Step right 1/4 turn right.	Turn	Turning right
28	On ball of right make 1/2 right, hitching left knee	Turn	
29 - 30	Step left heel forward. Drop left toes, taking weight.	Heel. Strut.	Forward
31 - 32	Step right heel forward. Drop right toes, taking weight.	Heel. Strut.	
Section 5	Step, Behind, Chasse Left, Back Rock, Stomp Right & Left.		
33 - 34	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
35 & 36	Step left to left side. Close right to right side. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	
37 - 38	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
39 - 40	Stomp right beside left. Stomp left in place.	Stomp. Stomp.	

Four Wall Line Dance: 40 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by: Bill McGee (USA).

Choreographed to:- 'Victimized' by Celinda Pink.

Music Suggestions:- 'Love Gets Me Every Time' by Shania Twain from Cover To Cover CD.



Cha Cha Roma



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Rocks, Forward, Back & Right Side, Right Triple Step.		
1 - 2	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward. Rock.	Forward
3 - 4	Rock back on right, Rock forward onto left.	Back, Rock.	Back
5 - 6	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Right. Rock.	Right
7 & 8	Triple step in place, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Triple Step	On the spot
Section 2	Rocks, Forward, Back & Right Side, Right Triple Step.		
9 - 10	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Forward, Rock.	Forward
11 - 12	Rock back on left. Rock forward onto right.	Back, Rock,	Back
13 - 14	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place.	Left. Rock.	Right
15 & 16	Triple step in place, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Step	On the spot
Section 3	Rock 1/4 Turn Left, Triple Step, Cross Rock, Chasse 1/4 Turn Left.	-	
17 - 18	Rock to right side on right. Rock 1/4 turn left onto left.	Rock, Turn.	Turning left
19 & 20	Triple step in place, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Triple Step	On the spot
21 - 22	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross, Rock.	
23 & 24	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left 1/4 turn left.	Side Close Turn	Turning left
Section 4	Side, Cross, Chasse Right, Cross rock, Chasse Left 1/4 Turn.		
25 - 26	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Side. Cross.	Right
27 & 28	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	
29 - 30	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
31 & 32	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left 1/4 turn left.	Side Close Turn	Turning left
Section 5	Steps with Holds and Clicks, Step 1/4 Turn Left, Step 1/2 Pivot Left.		
33 - 34	Step forward right. Hold and click fingers.	Right. Click.	Forward
35 - 36	Step forward left. Hold and click fingers.	Left, Click.	
37 - 38	Step forward right, Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step. Turn.	Turning left
39 - 40	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	
Section 6	Right Rock, Cross Shuffle, Left Rock, Cross Shuffle.		
41 - 42	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Right, Rock.	Right
43 & 44	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Shuffle	Left
45 - 46	Rock left to left side. Rock onto right in place.	Left Rock	Left
47 & 48	Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Cross Shuffle	Right

Two Wall Line Dance:- 48 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Irene Hawkins (UK) May 2000.

Music Suggestions:- 'Third Rate Romance' by Sammy Kershaw; 'I Hope You Want Me Too' by Mavericks or any medium tempo cha cha.



			Daniel Whittake
STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Grapevine, Cross, Side Right, Touch Left, Side Left, Touch Right.		
1 - 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
3 - 4	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Step. Cross.	
5 - 6	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right (clap hands).	Right. Touch.	
7 - 8	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left (clap hands).	Left. Touch.	Left
Section 2	Cross Strutt, Side Strutt, Jazz Box with 1/4 Turn, Scuff Left.		
9 - 10	Step ball of right foot over left. Drop right heel.	Cross. Strut.	Left
11 - 12	Step ball of left foot to left side. Drop left heel.	Side. Strut.	
13 - 14	Cross right over left. Step back left.	Cross. Back.	Back
15 - 16	Step right 1/4 turn right. Scuff left forward.	Turn, Scuff.	Turning rìght
Section 3	Left Lock Step Forward, Scuff, Right lock Step Forward Scuff.		
17 - 18	Step forward left. Lock right behind left.	Left. Lock.	Forward
19 - 20	Step forward left. Scuff right forward.	Step. Scuff.	
21 - 22	Step forward right. Lock left behind right.	Right. Lock.	Forward
23 - 24	Step forward right. Scuff left forward.	Step. Scuff.	
Section 4	Forward Rock, Step Back, Clap, Full Turn Right with Claps.		
25 - 26	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Rock. Step.	On the spot
27 - 28	Step back on left. Clap hands.	Back, Clap.	Back
29 - 30	On ball of left make 1/2 turn right, stepping forward right. Clap hands	Turn. Clap.	Turning right
31 = 32	On ball of right make 1/2 turn right, stepping back left. Clap hands.	Turn. Clap.	
Section 5	Back Rock, Step Forward, Left Rock, Cross, Point, Flick.		
33 ÷35	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left. Step forward on right.	Rock Step Forward	On the spot
36 - 37	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place.	Left. Rock.	Left
38 - 39	Cross left over right. Point right toe to right side.	Cross. Point.	Right
40	Flick right foot behind left leg.	Flick	On the spot

Four Wall Line Dance: - 40 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Daniel Whittaker (UK) May 2000

Choreographed to:- 'Reach' by S Club 7.

Music Suggestion:- 'Too Much Stuff' by Delbert McClinton from "One Of A Fortunate Few' CD; or 'Jump, Jive and Wail'.



INTERMEDIATE

Wild & Free



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Chasse 1/4 Turn Left, 3/4 Ronde Turn, Side Right, Cross, Ronde Sweep.		
1 & 2	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left 1/4 turn left.	Side Close Turn	Left
3	On ball of left make 3/4 turn left, sweeping right out and around.	Sweep	Turning left
4	Touch right beside left (weight remains on left).	Touch	On the spot
5 - 6	Step right large step to right side. Hold.	Right, Hold.	Right
7	Cross left behind right.	Behind.	On the spot
& 8	Sweep right out and around behind left. Step weight onto right behind left.	Sweep. Step.	Turning left
Section 2	1/4 Turn & 1/2 Turn Left, Shuffle 1/2 Turn Left, Rock Step, Back Lock.		
9	Step left 1/4 turn left.	Turn	Turning left
10	On ball of left make 1/2 turn left, stepping back right.	Turn	
11 & 12	Shuffle step 1/2 turn left, stepping – Left, right, left.	Turn Shuffle	
13 - 14	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward. Rock.	On the spot
15 & 16	Step back right. Lock left across right. Step back right.	Back Lock Step	Back
Section 3	Back, Hook, Right Lock, Step Full Spin, Right Lock Step.		
17 - 18	Step left large step back. Slide right towards left, hooking to left knee.	Back. Hook.	Back
19 & 20	Step forward right. Lock left behind right. Step forward right.	Right Lock Step	Forward
21	Step forward left.	Step	
22	On ball of left make full turn right, hooking right heel to left knee.	Spin	Turning right
23 & 24	Step forward right. Lock left behind right. Step forward right.	Right Lock Step	Forward
Section 4	Forward Rock, 1 & 1/2 Turn Left, Right Lock Step, Right 1/2 Turn Ronde.		
25 - 26	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Forward, Rock.	On the spot
27	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left, stepping left forward.	Turn	Turning left
&	On ball of left make 1/2 turn left, stepping back right.	2	
28	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left, stepping forward left.	3	
Note:	Steps 27 & 28 can be replaced with a triple 1/2 turn left.		
29 & 30	Step forward right. Lock left behind right. Step forward right.	Right Lock Step	Forward
31	On ball of right make 1/2 turn right, sweeping left out and around.	Sweep	Turning right
32	Bring left toe in to touch beside right.	Touch.	On the spot

Four Wall Line Dance: - 32 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- 8arry Porter & Paul Hulatt (UK) Oct. 99.

Choreographed to:- 'You'll Be In My Heart' by Phil Collins from the 'Tarzan' soundtrack.



Don't Call Me Baby



S TEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	Directio
Section 1	Cross, Unwind 1/2 Turn, Coaster Step, x 2.		
1 - 2	Cross right over left. Unwind 1/2 turn left, weight ends on left.	Cross. Unwind.	Turning left
3 & 4	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	On the spot
5 - 6	Cross left over right. Unwind 1/2 turn right, weight ends on left.	Cross. Unwind.	Turning right
7 & 8	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	On the spot
Section 2	Step Forward, Heel Tap with Right & Left, Step, Touch, Heel Jack.		
9 & 10	Step forward left. Lift left heel. Drop left heel taking weight.	Left & Heel	Forward
11 & 12	Step forward right. Lift right heel. Drop right heel taking weight.	Right & Heel	
13 - 14	Step forward left. Touch right beside left.	Step. Touch.	
& 15	Step back on right. Touch left heel forward.	& Heel	On the spot
& 16	Step onto left in place. Touch right beside left.	& Touch	
Section 3	Touch 1/4 Turn & 1/2 Turn Left, Hip Bumps, Cross, Unwind 3/4 Turn Left.		
17	On ball of left make 1/4 turn left, touching right to right side.	Turn	Turning left
18	On ball of left make 1/2 turn left, touching right to right side.	Turn	
19 & 20	Step right to right side bumping hips to right twice.	Right Hip Bumps	Right
21 & 22	Bump hips to left twice, weight ends on left.	Left Hip Bumps	On the spot
23 - 24	Cross right over left. Unwind 3/4 turn left, weight ends on left.	Cross. Unwind.	Turning left
Section 4	Steps Forward, Heel Swivels, Jazz Box 1/4 Turn Right, Step, Point.		
25 & 26	Step forward right. Swivel both heels out. Swivel both heels in.	Right. Out, In.	Forward
27 & 28	Step forward left. Swivel both heels out. Swivel both heels in.	Left. Out. In.	
29 & 30	Cross right over left. Step back left. Step right 1/4 turn right.	Cross Back Turn	Turning right
31 - 32	Step forward left. Point right to right side.	Step. Point.	Forward
Tag:	This 16 count Tag is danced once following the 3rd repetition.		
1 & 2	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
3 - 4	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
5 & 6	Step forward left, bumping hips left twice.	Left Hip Bump	Left
7 & 8	Step forward right, bumping hips right twice, weight ends on right.	Right Hip Bump	On the spot
9 - 16	Repeat steps 1 - 8 of tag leading with Left Shuffle forward.		

Choreographers Note:- When using the track 'Don't Call Me Baby' a 16 count tag is required following the third repetition dance 16 count tag once, then start dance again.

Four Wall Line Dance: - 32 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Sue Johnstone (UK).

Choreographed to:- 'Don't Call Me Baby' by Maddison Avenue (126 bpm) CD Single, start on vocals.

Music Suggestion:- 'Who Baby Will You Be Tonight' by Big House (126 bpm).



INTERMEDIATE

Heave Away

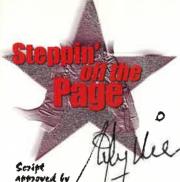


STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right & left Shuffles Forward, Touch, Kick Right, Coaster Step.		
1 & 2	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
3 & 4	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	
5 - 6	Touch right beside left. Kick right forward.	Touch. Kick.	On the spot
7 & 8	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	
Section 2	Heel 1/2 Turn Right, Coaster Step, Heel Switches.		
9	Step forward on left heel.	Heel	Forward
10	Pivot 1/2 turn right, dropping left toes and lifting right heel.	Turn	Turning right
Note:	Weight finishes back on left with right toe forward.		
11 & 12	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	On the spot
13 &	Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right.	Left &	
14 &	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left.	Right &	
15 & 16	Touch left heel forward. Clap hands twice.	Left Clap Clap	
Section 3	Right Shuffle Forward, Scuff Hitch Step, 1/4 Turn Left Chasse Right.		
&	Replace left beside right.	&	On the spot
17 & 18	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
19	Scuff left forward.	Scuff	
& 20	Hop forward on right, with left knee hitched. Step left beside right.	Hitch. Step.	
21	Make 1/4 turn left stepping right to right side.	Turn	Turning left
& 22	Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Close Side	Right
23 - 24	Rock back on left behind right. Rock forward onto right.	Back, Rock.	On the spot
Section 4	Side Left, Cross, Coaster Step, Step 1/2 Pivot Left, Kick Ball Change.		
25 - 26	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Side. Cross.	Left
27 & 28	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	On the spot
29 - 30	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
31 & 32	Kick right forward, Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
Tag:	This tag is danced once, following the second repetition.		
1 & 2	Step forward right. Step left beside right. Step back right.	Forward Coaster	Forward
Arms:	With arms by sides swing them back.		
3 & 4	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Back Coaster	Back
Arms:	With arms by sides swing them forward.		
5 - 8	Repeat steps 1 - 4 of tag.		

Four Wall Line Dance: - 32 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Gerard Murphy (Can).

Choreographed to:- 'Heave Away' by The Fables from Tear The House Down or Ceilidh Collection.



Rainbow's End

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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Steps Forward with Scuffs.		
1 - 2	Step forward right. Scuff left forward.	Step. Scuff.	Forward
3 - 4	Step forward left. Scuff right forward	Step. Scuff.	
5 - 6	Step forward right. Scuff left forward.	Step. Scuff.	
7 - 8	Step forward left. Scuff right forward	Step. Scuff.	
Section 2	Forward Rock, Back Step, Hold, Back Rock, Forward Step. Hold.		
9 - 10	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock. Step.	On the spot
11 - 12	Step back right. Hold.	Back. Hold.	Back
13 - 14	Rock back on left. Rock forward onto right.	Back. Rock.	On the spot
15 - 16	Step forward left Hold.	Forward, Hold.	Forward
Section 3	Step 1/4 Turn Left, Step Forward, Hold, Step 1/2 Pivot Right, Step, Hold.		
17 - 18	Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step. Turn.	Turning left
19 - 20	Step forward right. Hold.	Forward, Hold.	Forward
21 - 22	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
23 - 24	Step forward left. Hold.	Forward, Hold,	Forward
Section 4	4 x Toe Struts Forward.		
25 - 26	Step right toe forward. Drop right heel taking weight.	Right, Strut,	Forward
27 - 28	Step left toe forward. Drop left heel taking weight.	Left. Strut.	
29 - 30	Step right toe forward. Drop right heef taking weight.	Right, Strut.	
31 - 32	Step left toe forward. Drop left heel taking weight.	Left. Strut.	
Section 5	Heel Touches Front & Side, Hitch, Right Grapevine.		
33 - 34	Touch right heel forward across left. Touch right heel to right side.	Heel. Side.	On the spot
35 - 36	Touch right heel forward across left. Hitch right knee.	Heel. Hitch.	
37 - 38	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
39 - 40	Step right to right side. Hold.	Step. Hold.	
Section 6	Heel Touches Front & Side, Hitch, Left Grapevine with 1/4 Turn, Scuff.		
41 - 42	Touch left heel forward across right. Touch left heel to left side.	Heel. Side.	On the spot
43 - 44	Touch left heel forward across right. Hitch left knee.	Heel. Hitch.	
45 - 46	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
47 - 48	Step left 1/4 turn left. Scuff right forward.	Turn. Scuff.	Turning left
Section 7	2 x Forward Step, Toe Tap, Back Step, Heel Touch.		
49 - 50	Step forward right. Tap left toe behind right heel.	Step. Tap.	Forward
51 - 52	Step back left. Touch right heel forward.	Back. Heel.	Back
53 - 54	Step forward right. Tap left toe behind right heel.	Step. Tap.	Forward
55 - 56	Step back left. Hold,	Back. Heel.	Back
Section 8	1/4 Turn Right, Cross, Side, Hold, Behind, Side, Step Forward, Hold.		
57 - 58	Make 1/4 turn right, stepping right to right side. Cross left over right.	Turn. Cross.	Turning right
59 - 60	Step right to right side. Hold.	Side. Hold.	Right
61 - 62	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side.	Behind, Side.	Right
63 - 64	Step forward left. Hold.	Forward, Hold.	
Option:	For dance who like turns below is an alternative final four counts.		
(61 - 62)	Cross left behind right. Step right 1/4 turn right.	Behind, Turn.	Turning right
(63 - 64)	Step forward right. Pivot 3/4 turn right.	Step. Turn.	

Four Wall Line Dance: - 64 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Jan Wyllie (Aus)

Choreographed to:- 'Rock At The End Of My Rainbow' by Heather Myles (171 bpm) from Highways & Honky Tonks.



INTERMEDIATE

G.I.Blues

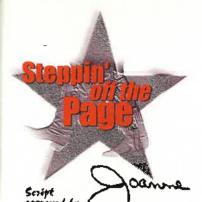


STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTIO
Section 1	Walk Back, Coaster Step, Walk Forward, Shuffle Step.		
1 - 2	Step back right. Step back left.	Back. Back.	Back
3 & 4	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step forward right.	Coaster Step	On the spot
5 - 6	Step forward left. Step forward right.	Left. Right.	Forward
7 & 8	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Shuffle Step	
Section 2	Right Rock, Cross Shuffle, Left Rock 1/4 Turn Right, Shuffle Forward.		
9 - 10	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Right. Rock.	On the spot
11 & 12	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Cross Shuffle	Left
13 - 14	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right making 1/4 turn right.	Rock. Turn.	Turning right
15 & 16	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Section 3	Full Turn Travelling Forward, Right Shuffle, Steps Forward & Back.		
17	On ball of left make 1/2 turn left, stepping back right.	Turn	Turning left
18	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left, stepping forward left.	Turn	
19 & 20	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
21 - 22	Step forward on left. Step right slightly apart from left.	Left. Right.	Forward
23 - 24	Step back left. Step right slightly apart from left.	Left. Right.	Back
Optional:	Salute with right hand for counts 21 - 24.		
Section 4	Step 1/2 Pivot Right, Left Shuffle, Steps Forward & Back.		
25 - 26	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
27 & 28	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
29 - 30	Step forward on right. Step left slightly apart from right.	Right. Left.	Forward
31 - 32	Step back right. Step left slightly apart from right.	Right. Left.	Back
Optional:	Salute with right hand for counts 21 - 24.		
Section 5	Syncopated Grapevine Right, Cross & Touch, Back Touch, Cross Unwind.		
33 - 34	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
8 35 - 36	Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Touch right to right side.	& Cross Touch	
37 - 38	Step back right. Touch left to left side.	Back. Touch.	Back
39 - 40	Cross left over right. Unwind 1/2 turn right. (Weight ends on left).	Cross. Unwind.	Turning right
Section 6	Syncopated Grapevine Right, Cross & Touch, Back Touch, Cross Unwind.		
41 - 42	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
43 - 44	Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Touch right to right side.	& Cross Touch	
45 - 46	Step back right. Touch left to left side.	Back. Touch.	Back
47 - 48	Cross left over right. Unwind 1/2 turn right. (Weight ends on left).	Cross. Unwind.	Turning right

Four Wall Line Dance: - 48 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Grace Coleman (UK).
Choreographed to:- 'G.I.Blues' by Elvis Presley.

Music Suggestions:- 'Whole Lotta Hurt' by Brady Seals, 'There Goes my Love' by BR5-49.



Walk On

Brady By



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTIO
PART 'A'	Danced during the verses.		
Section 1	Left Shuffle, Right Shuffle, Forward Rock, Shuffle 1/2 Turn Left.		
1 & 2	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
3 & 4	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	- Constant
5 - 6	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Rock. Step.	
7 & 8	Shuffle 1/2 turn left, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Shuffle Turn	Turning left
Section 2	Right Shuffle, Left Shuffle, Forward Rock, Shuffle 1/2 Turn Right.		
9 & 10	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
11 & 12	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	
13 - 14	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Rock. Step.	
15 & 16	Shuffle 1/2 turn right, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Shuffle Turn	Turning right
Section 3	Cross, Side, Left Sailor Step, Cross, Side, Right Sailor Step.		
17 - 18	Cross left over right. Step right to right side.	Cross. Side.	Right
19 & 20	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place.	Sailor Step	On the spot
21 - 22	Cross right over left. Step left to left side.	Cross, Side,	Left
23 & 24	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Sailor Step	On the spot
Section 4	Paddle Turn, 1/2 Turn Right.		
25	Step forward left making 1/8 tun right.	Turn	Turning right
26	Rock hips right, taking weight onto right in place.	Rock	Tarming right
27 - 30	Repeat steps two more times.	2 and 3	
31 - 32	Step left in place. Step right beside left.	Left. Right.	On the spot
PART 'B'	Danced during the chorus, which starts "Just walk on bye".		
Section 1	Walk Forward, Scuff 1/4 Turn left, Stomp.		
1 - 3	Walk forward - Left, Right, Left.	Forward 2, 3,	Forward
4	Scuff right forward.	Scuff	, or ward
& 5	Hitch right knee making 1/4 turn left. Stomp right beside left.	& Stomp.	Turning left
6 - 8	Fan right toes to right. Fan right toes to centre. Fan right toes to right.	Fan 2, 3.	turning lett
Note:	Weight ends on right foot.	Tun 2, 3.	
ection 2	Left Sailor Step, Right Sailor Step, Forward Rock, Triple 1/4 Turn.		
9 & 10	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place.	Sailor Step	On the spot
11 & 12	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Sailor Step	On the spot
13 - 14	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right.	Forward Rock	
15 & 16	Triple step a call 1/4 turn left, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Turn	Turning left
ection 3	Grapevine Right, Scuff, Grapevine Left, Scuff.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
19 - 20	Step right to right side. Scuff left forward.	Step. Scuff.	iligii t
21 - 22	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
23 - 24	Step left to left side. Scuff right forward.	Step. Scuff.	EC.
ection 4	Forward Rock, Back Rock, Stomp, Hold.		
25 - 26	Rock forward on right. Rock back onto left.	Forward, Rock,	Forward
27 - 28	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back. Rock.	Back
29	Stomp right beside left (taking weight onto right).	Stomp	On the spot
30 - 32	Hold, weight remaining on right.	2, 3, 4.	On the spot

Choreographers Note: The sequence for this dance is very simple. A, B, A, A, B, B. Part A for each verse, Part B for each chorus.

One Wall Line Dance:- 64 Counts in Two Parts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Joanne Brady (USA)

Choreographed to:- 'Walk On By' by Scooter Lee (134 bpm) from 'Would You Consider'.



INTERMEDIATE

B' Bop



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Grapevine with 1/4 Turn, 1/4 Turn Scuff, Chasse left, Back Rock.		
1 - 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
3 - 4	Step right 1/4 turn right. Scuff left forward making 1/4 turn right.	Turn. Scuff.	Turning right
5 & 6	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	Left
7 - 8	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back, Rock.	On the spot
Section 2	Heel Struts Forward with Side Rocks.		
9 - 10	Step right heel forward. Drop right toes taking weight.	Heel, Strut.	Forward
11 - 12	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place.	Left. Rock.	Left
13 - 14	Step left heel forward. Drop left toes taking weight.	Heel, Strut.	Forward
15 - 16	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left in place.	Right, Rock.	Right
Section 3	Heel Forward. Toe Back, Monterey 1/2 Turn Right, Cross Shuffle.		
17 - 18	Touch right heel forward. Touch right toe back.	Heel. Toe.	On the spot
19	Fouch right toe to right side.	Right	
20	On ball of left make 1/2 turn right, stepping right beside left.	Turn	Turning right
21 - 22	Touch left to left side. Step left beside right.	Left. Together.	On the spot
23 & 24	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Step Cross	Left
Section 4	Hip Bumps, Heel Forward, Toe Back, Monterey 1/2 Turn Left.		
25 - 26	Step left to left side bumping hips left. Bump hips right.	Bump, Bump,	Left
27 - 28	Touch left heel forward. Touch left toe back.	Heel. Toe.	On the spot
29	Touch left toe to left side.	Left	
30	On ball of right make 1/2 turn left, stepping left beside right.	Turn	Turning left
31 - 32	Touch right to right side. Step right beside left.	Right. Together.	On the spot
Section 5	Cross Shuffle, Hip Bumps, Back Strut with Side Rock.		
33 & 34	Cross left over right. Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	Cross Step Cross	Right
35 - 36	Step right to right side, bumping hips right. Bump hips left.	Bump. Bump.	
37 - 38	Step right toe back. Drop right heel taking weight.	Back. Strut.	Back
39 - 40	Rock to left side on left. Rock onto right in place.	Left. Rock.	Left
Section 6	Back Strut with Side Rock, Step Forward, Hold, Full Turn.		
41 - 42	Step left toe back. Drop left heel taking weight.	Back. Strut.	Back
43 - 44	Rock to right side on right. Rock onto left making 1/4 turn left.	Rock. Turn.	Turning left
45 - 46	Step forward right. Hold.	Step. Hold.	Forward
47	On ball of right make 1/2 turn right, stepping back left.	Turn	Turning left
48	On ball of left make 1/2 turn right, stepping forward right,	Turn	
Section 7	Left Shuffle, Right Hip Bumps, Diagonal Steps & Touches.		
49 - 50	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
51 & 52	Step diagonally forward right, bumping hips - Right, Left, Right.	Right Hip Bump	
53 - 54	Step diagonally forward left. Touch right beside left.	Forward. Touch.	
55 - 56	Step diagonally back right. Touch left beside right.	Back. Touch.	Back
Section 8	Left Hip Bumps, Diagonal Steps & Touches, Heel Forward, Toe Back.		
57 & 58	Step diagonally forward left, bumping hips - Left, Right, Left.	Left Hip Bump	Forward
59 - 60	Step diagonally forward right. Touch left beside right.	Forward Touch	
61 - 62	Step diagonally back left. Touch right beside left.	Back Touch	Back
63 - 64	Touch right heel forward. Touch right toe back.	Heel. Toe.	On the spot

Four Wall Line Dance: - 64 Counts, Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Kenny & Irene Thompson (UK).

Choreographed to:- 'B' Bop' by Jamie Ryan (124 bpm) from Alice's Boots Vol. 1.

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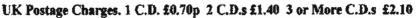
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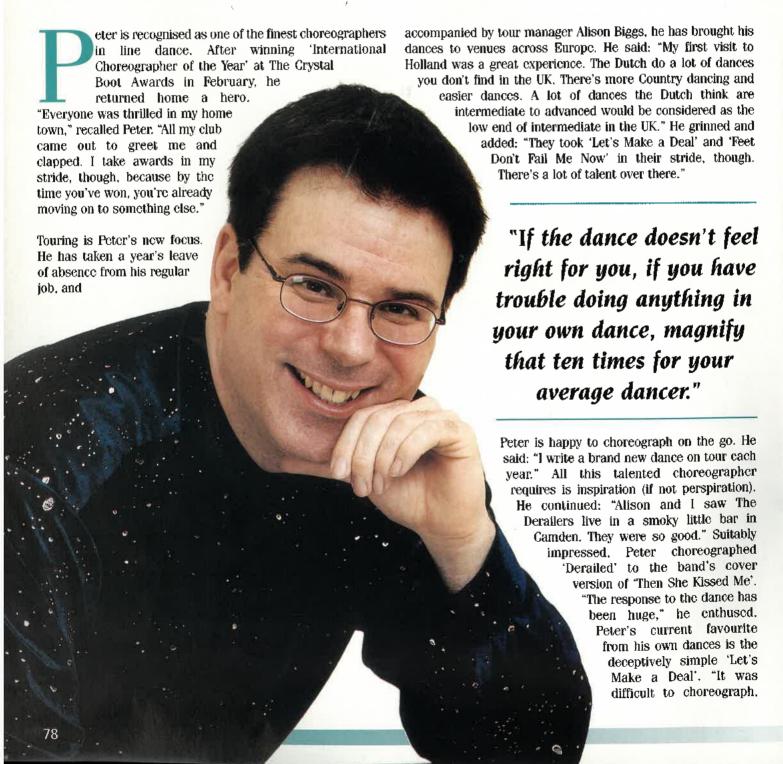






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If you treat yourself to a Peter 'Turbo' Metelnick workshop, you are guaranteed passion, energy and drive. It was pedal to the Metel all the way this spring, as the Canadian choreographer took his European fans through their paces on his 'Fast on the Floor' tour. Jamie Pearson tried to keep up.



Metel

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at all? "I don't think it does," he replied. "I don't do anything different. I just sit down fast enough for Chris to have time to choreograph her part! One of my dances, 'Out of Habit', was originally intended to be a collaboration with Chris. But I found myself choreographing it in her shower - without Chris, of course! When I went into Chris's kitchen, I said. 'Here's the dance, finished.' I then choreographed half of Jamaica Mistaka' before saying to Chris: 'If I don't sit down. I'll have this choreographed too!' I banished myself to Chris's living room while she wrote her half."

because the music is so poorly phrased," confessed Peter. "I love the LeAnn Rimes track, 'Big Deal', so much, but it has these breaks in it you can't ignore. It was a real challenge to choreograph to."

Ask Peter to write a hit dance, and he will XLR8 into action. But ask him to describe a typical Peter Metelnick dance, and he pauses for thought. "It's funny," he finally answered. "When I first teach a dance, I often won't tell my chub people it's one of mine. But at the end they'll say: "That was your dance, wasn't it?" The dances feel so different to me, though. It baffles me how they can pick it out! They'll say everything flows. The music and the dance fit well together."

For Peter, dances are music-driven. He said: "Dance the Night Away', 'Islands in the Stream' and 'Crazy Little Thing' are good examples. It all comes down to finding that perfect song. People want a 32 or 48 count dance; choreographers want their dances to be danced. Choreographers will jump on a good song when they hear one." Not only does Peter jump on a good song, he chorcographs the dance just as fast. There are pros and cons to this speedy approach. Peter confessed: "I used to think it's neat I chorcograph that fast. But as soon as people find out how long it took, they look at you as if to say: 'Maybe it doesn't mean that much because it only took you five minutes to write." Peter's main concern is that the dance feels right. He explained: "If the dance doesn't feel right for you, if you have trouble doing anything in your own dance magnify that ten times for your average dancer."

Peter is currently writing several dances with the Crystal Boot UK Choreographer of the Year. Chris Hodgson. The duo previously teamed up on Jamaica Mistaka'. Does working with another choreographer alter Peter's approach

When choosing music to choreograph to, Peter keeps in touch with other North American choreographers including Jo Thompson and Max Perry. Peter said: "Each of us knows the music the others are listening to, and the rest of us leave those tracks alone. I always tell up-and-coming choreographers: 'Don't pick major artistes. Don't pick a Shania Twain. Go for something that's off the beaten path."

Life on tour gives Peter plenty of opportunities to sample dances by other choreographers. "I've found there's too many Latin dances, because they all have that same kind of rhythm, and they all try and look the same," he suggested. "I was asking, 'Which one was that?' But some do stand out. 'Now or Never' by Kathy Hunyadi - that's a nice dance. Elle Jay's 'Smooth' is a great dance, probably the best I've seen this year. It deserves to be a hit." Peter knows what he likes in

a dance. "I enjoy choreography that works well with the music," he stressed. "'Patient Heart' by Michael Vera-Lobos is a great dance. And Kim Ray's 'Rodeo Drive', to Roy Orbison's 'Pretty Woman', is so much fun. It's an ABC sequence dance, and the steps are not that difficult. The music tells you what to do."

Peter has found his heavier touring schedule takes some getting used to. "The travelling is probably the most exhausting thing," he admitted. "Getting up at these bed and breakfasts, it's 'have your breakfast by nine o'clock, be out by ten o'clock.' It's not conducive to showbiz people! I may be nicknamed "Turbo", but it might as well be 'Tired'! But the dancing is great. I wouldn't trade touring for anything."

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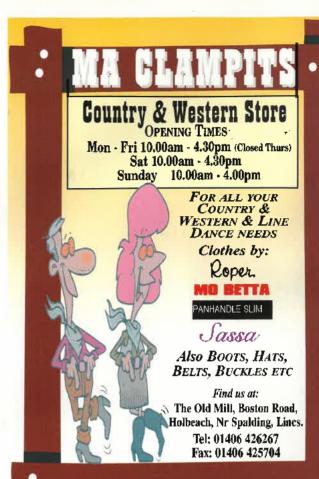
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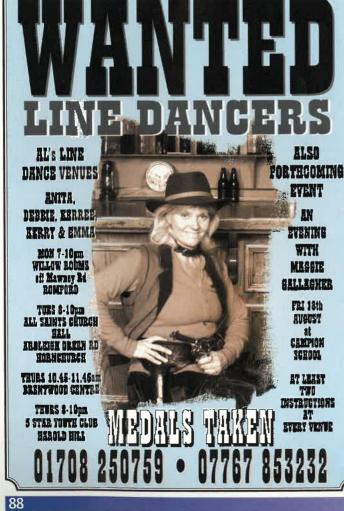
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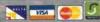
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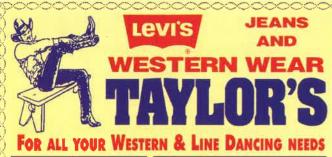
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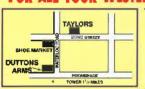
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Your chance to comment ...

Lightning Pace

I am writing about Tracy Brown's letter in June's BTLs, 'Back To Basics'. I couldn't have said it better myself. My classes have an older and very mixed clientele, who range from 10 years old to a grand 80 years old. There are people who love the music, desperately want to learn to line dance, but don't want to feel stupid and inadequate because they can't keep up with the lightning pace of certain dances.

They come for the exercise, they come to socialise, they come because they are widowed or alone (I always state "No partner needed" when advertising). They don't dress up in hats, buckles or boots; they simply enjoy their line dance, beginners and intermediates alike.

I keep up with the latest dances and CDs, but my classes would never be able to keep up with most of them. So, like Tracy Brown, I teach at a much slower pace and give confidence, enjoyment and value for money to those who support me.

I love it, they love it and I wish more people would realise you don't have to be a budding athlete or a John Wayne look-alike to join a line dancing class.

Janet Rumbelow (JR's Easy Feet) Nailsea, Somerset

In Praise of Tracy

I was interested to see the letter from Tracy Brown (June issue) regarding line dancing in the Isle of Wight. We attended the weekend at the Trouville, Sandown, which she refers to, having booked from the hotels advertisement in Linedancer. We found Tracy to be an excellent instructor with a very positive, thorough and clear style of teaching. In fact, we so liked the island and the hotel that we have been back since for an ordinary holiday.

The Isle of Wight has some excellent line dancing and very friendly teachers and dancers who make visitors feel very much at home.

We would recommend the Isle of Wight as a lovely place for a holiday with top class line dancing available as a bonus. Geoff & June Barley, Birmingham

World Music

I live in New Zealand and instruct a class of retired men and women. I find it difficult to find music to suit my class and wondered if any of your readers would send me commercial music cassettes for old and new dances. I am prepared to pay the cost of postage.

Maureen Miller, 2/49 Mount Smart Road, Royal Oak, Auckland, New Zealand

Havina a Ball

As members of the club where Glen Ball dances (and boy, can he dance!), and as friends of his, we would like to respond to Peter Castie's comments. First of all, Glen Is only 14, and the fact this young man has chosen to spend his spare time line dancing has to be a good thing. Glen is fortunate enough to be able to pick up dances simply by watching them being danced. Just because he didn't put his energies into learning 'Cowgirl's Twist' or 'Electric Slide' from the beginning, it isn't a reason for Peter, whom I assume has never seen Glen dance, to criticise him.

As far as I am aware, all championships have set dances that the dancers must learn. They then interpret them, with all sorts of fancy foot and body work. They don't stand in perfect lines soberly dancing as most of us do. If Peter has ever seen anybody like Pedro or Jo Thompson, he would know they are fantastic to watch, and Glen is the same. He always gets applause when he dances. People at the club love to watch him, and we feel lucky to have him here. We know line dancing is unique in that we are all taught the same footwork, and don't express ourselves very much, but we are all for putting in a few extra turns here and there to keep old dances fresh and interesting. Nikki Averkiou, via e-mail

Dance How You Want!

I am writing in reply to Christain Dunn's letter in June's BTLs. I completely agree people should dance the way they want to, and if people don't like the way that person's dancing, they shouldn't stand near them. I have a friend who is a competition dancer and I love to watch her dance because she is so good at it.

Lorna Harris, Wolverhampton

Read This First

I read an article in a past Linedancer regarding line dancing in holiday resorts. Unfortunately I can't find the article, and I was wondering, does anyone recall it? A crowd of us are going to Marmaris in Turkey, and we will take our boots with us if we thought there was even a chance we might get to dance.

Florence Liddy

Now Read This

My wife Sheila and I have just spent a fortnight's holiday in Marmaris in Turkey. We found a new venue called the Zeppelin Bar - Country Line Dance, on the sea front, in between the Elegance Hotel and the Grand Azir. Louie is there leading the floor, having moved from the Yasemin Bar and has all the up to date music. There is plenty of room to dance and all the staff are very friendly.

I hope you will be able to convey this information to your readers so that they have the opportunity to enjoy line dancing whilst on holiday in Marmaris.

Dave Williamson, Bishop Auckland

Stars in Her Eyes

Can any Linedancer readers help me? I'm trying to find out where I can buy (new or second-hand) a pair of jeans size 34 or Ladies 16 in a 'stars and stripeş' fabric.

I've contacted lots of western wear shops, but have had no luck. I just want something different to wear at my local line dancing class and I have a longing for a pair of these jeans. Please help!

Janet Plimley, Staffordshire

Sour Grapes?

I should like to comment on John Sinclair's letter in June's BTLs regarding the dance 'Larger Than Life'. I felt the views given about the dance were harsh.

Firstly, as Steve Healy rightly comments, no one has the right to a particular name of a dance. I too have been in the situation where I have shared the same name of a dance; both John Sandham and I choreographed a dance cailed 'Commitment'. I'm just glad someone else liked the music as much as I did. I did not feel it "detracted from my achievement" in any way, as John Sinclair commented.

There are many choreographers out there writing dances to the same piece of music, and it would be unrealistic to think this does not happen. At the end of the day, dancers will make up their own minds as to which version of a dance they prefer.

The duplication of dance names is also more likely to happen when a choreographer from another country (in this case Australia) has no knowledge of what is being choreographed in Britain.

Whilst I personally favour the more traditional line dances to Country music that the majority of people can do, I also appreciate the more advanced, technical dances written to non-Country music. Simon Ward's dance 'Larger Than Life' is superbly written. John Sinclair's comments of "gymnastics, ridiculous semaphoring and meaningless instructions to restart before reaching the end" only suggests to other readers that John is suffering from sour grapes.

My husband Jim. who is also a DJ, is considerate enough to all choreographers to split the dance floor more than one way, to encourage everyone to dance the dance of their choice. For example, we have to split the floor at least three ways when we play the song 'Mambo No 5'. A good DJ will offer several dances to one piece of music.

I commend Tracy Dean for also writing a very good dance and congratulate her on it being printed in Linedancer. So, John, rather than putting other choreographers' work down, why not spend a little of that energy promoting Tracy's good work? And as for the confusion about the top ten charts, well, that's one the magazine will have to answer... Amanda Harvey-Tench, Surrey

Do It Right

'Islands in the Stream' is a lovely dance written to a really catchy Country track (for a change). When we danced it recently at a club, half the dancers were one beat in front of me all the way, and it caused absolute confusion on the floor.

When I spoke to them afterwards, they told me they had been taught to start on step two of the dance sheet to bring it in line with a Cha Cha rhythm.

I have been sharing my knowledge and enjoyment of Western dancing with friends and acquaintances for 15 years, and over the last five to six years, the scene has been getting worse and worse.

Are these supposed teachers too lazy to learn a dance as it is written? This dance, for instance, is an 'off-beat' Cha Cha rhythm, which means the cha cha cha comes on beats 4+5 and 8+1. It takes a little longer to learn the dance, but why are teachers who are changing the steps to suit themselves unwilling to put in the time and effort to do it right?

I'm sure if I was good enough to be a choreographer, I should be most upset if someone abused my work in such a way. It is the same with Dance Floor Etiquette: very few teachers take the time and trouble to teach it, but it makes life on the dance floor so much easier.

So come on teachers, put the time in and make the dance floor a better place to be. Mo Bradley, Toothill Texans WDC

Waive The Flag

One of my favourite activities is attending weekend festivals and competitions around the country. I should like to ask the organisers why reserving tables by 'flagging' is allowed. We all pay the same fees for these events, yet when you enter the dance area, you are met with a sea of tables covered with various personal items. thus reserving seating arrangements. These same tables are left empty and unused until whoever reserved them decides to make an appearance. The rest of us are left to look around and find seating where we can, often way back off the dance floor towards the back of the ballroom.

I attended the CWDC European Championships at Brean Sands recently where people were flagging tables as early as 8am. These tables were then out of commission until, in some cases, 3pm. As the event was very well supported, people had to hunt around for seats while complete tables were left unused. It is about time organisers tackled this problem before it stops people going to big events.

I have no objection to people minding seats for friends, but reserving these tables just leads to seating problems. If people want to reserve tables, why don't the organisers charge them a supplement for the privilege? Judging by the moans I hear at events, I am not the only one who feels this way.

Eric Bailey, Newport

Where's Your Horse?

After reading 'You'll Never Dance Alone' in July's BTLs. I should like to reply to Lorna regarding the comments made to her (and many others). My wife and I are no longer in our youth, indeed we can now be classed as Senior Citizens, as we are now 65 years young.

We have been addicted to Line Dancing for the last four years and enjoy it very much. Not only for the dancing, I might add, but it keeps us mobile and fit, more so than many of our contemporaries. And we love the friendliness of our dancing companions.

We also like to be dressed in full gear whenever we can, and we too are greeted with the same negative comments that Lorna mentioned. I always have a few quick stock answers ready for those who choose to ridicule. When asked, "Where's your horse?" I reply, "I haven't brought him tonight; he doesn't care to be seen in the presence of asses!" And when they "Yee Haa," I turn to them and say: "Well your mouth got the cry OK, let's see if the feet are capable too!" It might surprise you how quickly it puts them down.

So Lorna, don't get hot under the collar at those who know no better; either give them a taste of their own sarcasm, or just ignore them. Either way, don't let it spoil your enjoyment of line dancing. I make sure it doesn't spoil mine. Eth & Jim Faulkner. Pontefract

Schapiro Shapes Up

Four hundred of us danced ourselves to a standstill at the most recent Lynne Schapiro line dance event, on this occasion at the Watford Coliseum. Lynne's spectaculars get better each time. Never a slouch in her choice of music, she really impresses in her use of a wide variety of styles for all the dances, both old favourites as well as the latest creations from the various choreographers.

The selection of venue was excellent. Without wishing to denigrate beginners, it was lovely to have a whole evening devoted to experienced dancers. Lynne did not miss the opportunity to teach us two new dances, however.

The evening's programme was entirely created from requests received on the night, and it all ran smoothly thanks to Lynne's organisational flair. The time flew by. Four hours vanished in a flash, and we were all left with a satisfying set of memories to look back on until the next time. Hopefully, it won't be too long coming round. Lynne?

Mick Lane. Pinner, Middlesex

Everyone Dance

I've just read June's edition of Linedancer and the BTL from Pat Bard in Cumbria. I agree with everything she said. Line dancing isn't expensive, and where else can you enjoy yourself for £2 or £3?

I also agree that line dance instructors shouldn't object to their dancers going to other classes they don't own the dancers. If dancers go to another club's social nights, they can invite that club's dancers to come to their social nights. Or even better, the two clubs could join together and have a joint social night.

Line dancing is for everyone, and the way some line dance instructors are behaving, they're taking out the fun angle. So forget the petty differences, and have fun while you stomp on the hardwood!

Emma McCreery, Belfast

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes

There are many keen dancers who do not wish to jeopardise their health, or as in my case, are affected by smoke because of asthma. How refreshing it is to attend the monthly function at Broadways in Barking. Essex, run by Frankie Cull. The new initiative to split the hall into smokers and non-smokers is a milestone in the fight against passive smoking and allowing freedom of choice.

I hope that the good practice instigated by Frankie will set an example to other clubs in the fight against equal opportunities for smokers and non-smokers.

Line dancing is not only enjoyable, it is an excellent method of keeping fit. It is a pity that more consideration is not given to this issue, as many social venues are not accessible to those of us who are badly affected by smoke inhalation. This is not intended to offend line dance smokers, who I am sure would not object to this directive if it alleviated some of the health hazards for others.

Name and Address Supplied

Black lake Fan

I picked up July's Linedancer Magazine last night, which I read from cover to cover, adverts and all. The story of Black Jake was wonderful, and to me, very nostalgic. I love your magazine and I wait for it eagerly each month. It is like a friend to me. Keep up the good work. Thank you. Elizabeth Futter, Norwich

Any clubs in Australia and New Zealand?

I am taking a trip to New Zealand and Australia in early 2001.

Does anyone know of any line dance classes in the Epsom area of Auckland and the Newcastle area of Sydney? I cannot envisage five weeks without my regular fix of line dancing and would appreciate any information that readers may have on clubs in these areas.

Rita, Horpchurch

Compilation Plea

Being only 16 and still at school, I find it really annoying when I am taught a dance to a really nice song to find out

- a) It's impossible to get hold of
- b) I just missed it 'Shalala Lala' for example as it slipped out the top 40 or
- c) the only way to get hold of it is to buy an album for just one song, which is too expensive and silly.

It would be really nice to have a proper album with tracks for the top 15 dances, as voted for by readers of Linedancer. It would include a range of Pop, Latin and Country, unlike the Line Dance Fever CDs which are good but do miss out a lot of brilliant dances.

This would be more practical, less expensive and more people could hear their favourite tunes altogether on one tape. Line dancers will buy merchandise for their hobby. A new CD containing all our fave dances out every six months couldn't be that difficult to arrange, could it?

Please print this as I should like to know how other people feel.

Gemma Hall, Studiey, Warks

Are We Acrobats?

My son and daughter are both line dance instructors, and each month we wait with bated breath to see the new dances Linedancer publishes. But must we purchase CDs for just one track? It's very expensive. Why not just publish dances to tracks in compilation CDs? Instructors we have spoken to feel the same way. Some of them teach the dances to alternative tracks they have on CD, but what's the use of that? If a dance has been written to a certain track, that's what it should be danced to. Plus CDs are being copied because people can't afford to keep purchasing them at £16.99 for one dance.

Why is it that we see mostly the same choreographers each month in Steppin' off the Page? Whilst we are big fans of Rob Fowler, it would be nice to see some new names. And why don't we see dances that will remain with us for years? We don't seem to get many of those now. Dances are now forgotten in a couple of months time. How many instructors have taught 'Let's Make a Deal' written by Peter Metelnick from you June issue? I guarantee there won't be many. Dances like this are not for the average weekly line dance pupil. Does this Lady in Black who wrote 'Black IC3' think we are all acrobats? Come on, write some dances for the ordinary dancers who go along to enjoy themselves, not to see who can outdo one another. Jill Palmer, West Midlands,

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Picture Search

In May, 35 members of our line dance club visited Southport for the CWDG (UK) Championships.

We had a fantastic weekend, culminating in our instructor Charlotte Oulton winning Division 3.

We excitedly awaited the arrival of the July editions of Linedancer, turned eagerly to the appropriate events pages, but found not one picture of the Division 3 winners.

We were so disappointed to find nothing about our levely talented instructor.

Charlottes-ville Dance Co, Crewe and Alsager



Competitions are only one of the many different types of line dance featured in the magazine. Limited by space, we are not always able to print a picture of every winner at a competition. But we're sorry to hear you were disappointed. So here's Charlotte (centre), fresh from her win.

The Social Side

I am becoming increasingly alarmed by the huge escalation in competitions and the reporting of them in your Magazine.

When compiling your Magazine, please don't forget the thousands who enjoy dancing every week at their local clubs but cannot hope to keep up with the few (by comparison) who compete. As well as reporting on competitions, how about visiting classes and normal venues, speaking to instructors and the class members and learning their opinions regarding new dances, music, personalities etc.

I would also ask you to consider the fact that an excellent daneer may not make a very good instructor, likewise a good choreographer need not always dance well themselves. Please give more credit to the hundreds of home-grown instructors who give freely of their time and energy to ensure that Joe Public enjoys themselves week in week out. Not all of the personalities give good value for money when we see them!

I myself, belong to an excellent local club, Texas Rose of Leicester, and thank my instructors, John and Ann Pickering, for their continued commitment to providing first class tuition and excellent social events.

Mrs Yvonne Bradhurn, Loughborough, Leics.

How Do You Do That?

I often wonder how you decide on the level of dances you print.

Ain't Goin' Down' is Intermediate/Advanced. I watched people's feet dancing for a while, got hold of a sheet and took 10-20 minutes to learn it. 'H20' is Intermediate/Advanced. I learnt it from a Rob Fowler video at home late one Saturday night in about 20 minutes.

'Hot Tamales' - Intermediate. I was taught this dance at Pontin's, Hemsley, over a weekend, but I had terrible trouble with it. I was so determined and decided to learn it even if it killed me. I took a dance sheet home with me. studied it for ages and got there in the end.

I still enjoy doing those dances, and just love 'Ain't Goin' Down'. When I do that, I am in another world. 'Hot Tamales' still gets danced in my area as well. I can't understand why H2O never really took off as I think it's a lovely dance. You can do it to a variety of different tracks and I think it flows. The only hard bit is the beginning.

Perhaps some dances are easier for some people than others?

Linda Mann, Dunstable

Web Debate

Are line dancers fashion victims?

I've been trying to find out why line dancers wear cowboy boots to dance in. The cowboy boot was designed for rough heavy outdoor work in poor conditions. The toe was pointed so that it could easily slide into stirrups and the high heel is to help prevent the foot slipping out when riding a horse. The high sides are to protect the lower leg and keep out water.

None of these design features have any connection with dancing at all. In fact, cowboy boots are uncomfortable to wear for long periods. They cause feet problems because of the shape of the toes and they restrict feet movement.

All other dance types eg: Ceroc, Ballet, Salsa etc require very light shoes with the appropriate soles to give grip or slide to the feet as required. I can only assume line dancers are victims of fashion and wear them because they want to 'look the part' wearing western clothing. I fail to see any requirements of dancing fulfilled by Cowboy boots.

Posted by Garry J.

I have been line dancing for two and a half years and I have done so in all types of footwear. There is nothing more comfortable to line dance in than cowboy boots.

Posted by Michelle.

What do you think? Do you agree with Garry or Michelle? Why not visit the website and join in the debate or drop us a line at Linedancer Magazine. Our website address is: www.linedancermagazine.com

The Truth Is..

'What are our chances these days?'

We continue to turn out dances by the hundred on a weekly basis, and the question popping up is: "How can I compete with a Jo Thompson, Max Perry or Rob Fowler? I want to be famous and I want to travel all over the world. How come they get the breaks when I'm just as good?" Well, the truth is, they got there first. And they were better than good, so after they got a break they were able to produce the goods over and over again. Truth is, they are not one hit wonders. They have staying power. Now, what can you do to break into the inner circle if you are brand new?

First off you need a plan. It won't just happen because you're good or your friends think you're good. There are thousands of you out there wanting to claim the same spot. What will make you different is how good your dance is, how well it fits the song and bow good the song is. You then have to be rejentless, have lots of talent and some money to get you started. If you aspire to be a Jo Thompson, then add a clear speaking voice, and a good personality with a sense of humour to that list. You think it sounds tough? Well it is, and there is no guarantee it will happen for you. You'll discover what a singer goes through trying to get radio air play, or the obstacles facing an actor or actress trying to get the lead in a Broadway show or movie. You have to perfect your craft, hone your specialities, spotlight what makes you different, then find a way for the public see all that is grand about you and your talent.

Now I'm not trying to dampen your spirits; I'm just giving you the reality of what you are up against. Ten to15 years ago, when Jo and Max started, there weren't instructors and choreographers on every corner. It was the same for Rob Fowler. He carved his niche in the UK long before we were saturated with newcomers. Nowadays you have to do something that will make you stand out. One approach is to take out magazine advertisements, and travel to events for exposure, even though you are not being paid (because you are unknown). Be prepared to cover your own costs.

I know choreographers who pay their own way to Australia. New Zealand, Sweden, Japan and The Netherlands to teach, unpaid, so people will know who they are. Some go to an event, offer their services for free, and get told a hig 'no'. How can that be? Well, put yourself in an event director's place. If you are trying to draw dancers to your event, would you have an instructor you've never heard of with a dance that's even less popular? Now I didn't say you or your dance wasn't good; I just said the goal is to make money at an event. Organisers bring instructors and choreographers who draw. But if you want fame and success, the first step to attaining the status of Jo, Max and Rob is to appear for free and hope you will get a teaching spot. There is no guarantee, however, that just because you showed up, they will give you a teaching spot. Personally, I'd call the event director and see what my chances were. If they say yes, remember you will have to cover travel expenses, hotel, food and copies of your dance to hand out free. Believe in yourself, put your money where your mouth is, and maybe it will pay off.

I'll see you on the dance floor!

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4th-6th	Tim Gillis Weekend,
	Reading, Pennsylvania

11th-13th Cities in Line Competition, Costa Brava, Spain

18th	Festival Equoetro de Valeyfielo	l,
	Onebec Canada	

	Quebec, Ganada
25th	Chance to Dance Festival.

Harrogate, UK

September

1st	Eindhoven.	Holland

2nd	Luton Regional Sports Centre,
	Luton, Bedfordshire

3rd	Kent Showground,	
	Detling Nr Maidstone	Kent

8th-11th Canada Country Music Week 2000, Edmonton, Alberta

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Ellenville, NY, USA

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