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It is with great pleasure that we welcome Angela Rippon to the magazine. No stranger to dancing herself - as anyone who recalls her famous high kicking act with Morecambe and Wise will recall - she is taking this opportunity to deliver a Dear Dancers message to all our readers. Over to you Angela.



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Dear Dancers

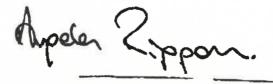
First of all let me say a big thank you to Betty for allowing me to speak to you through her column. I really do appreciate it, and it gives me an opportunity to tell you about a really exciting dance project that begins this May, and will continue right through the year to May 2000. It's called Dance Power, it's the brainchild of the International Red Cross and it aims to get people all over the world dancing together as they never have before. Here in Britain we have some spectacular events planned - and I hope that line dancers all over the country will be part of this massive fund raising, humanitarian, and fun event.

It all started when the International committee in Geneva decided that their slogan for the Millennium will be The Power of Humanity - and let's face it - with the world in the state it's in at the moment, we could do with a pretty massive injection of humanity! And to get this message across, they want to use the one universal language of the world -- dance. It's pretty obvious really isn't it? You must know yourselves that when you turn up in a foreign country, you may not be able to speak the language, but once you start dancing, who needs words? You're communicating at a different level, and getting along just

So this is our challenge to you line dancers, and dance groups all over the country throughout the year. We want you to stage dance events to raise money for your own organisations and the work of the British Red Cross. Everything kicks off on May 3rd at the start of Red Cross Week, and that would be a great time for you to launch your own Dance Power events. If you need any help with ideas, just write to me c/o Dance Power at the British Red Cross, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ and we can send you an information pack full of loads of useful tips and information.

And here's a really important date for your diaries. May 9th 1999. That's when we'll be staging a truly spectacular evening of Dance Power at the London Palladium, I reckon it's going to be the most memorable evening of dance that you are ever likely to see on stage this side of the Millennium! You think I'm kidding. Well where else are you going to find Mr. Palladium himself Bruce Forsyth, the raw energy of Stomp, the spine tingling motion of Riverdance, the grace of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, the brilliance of World Professional Ballroom dancers Karen and Marcus Hilton, your very own line dance world champion Chris Brocklesby, flamenco from Paco Pena, and Ice champion Jayne Torvill teaming up with Wayne Sleeep, all on the same bill? And that's just a small part of the line-up! There'll never be another night of dance like it - I'd hate you to miss

So I hope you can all get involved in Dance Power in some way this year, and help the British Red Cross in their efforts to promote the Power of Humanity.



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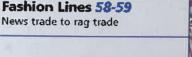
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A MILE OF LINE DANCERS

Line dancing fans will be pleased to hear that following last year's hugely successful event Macmillan Cancer Relief are attempting to assemble a mile of line dancers at Leeds Road playing fields on Sunday 16th May from 12 noon onwards. Lots of dancing on offer with live music, barbecue, side shows etc. All proceeds to the West Yorkshire Macmillan Appeal. Further information from Pat Whalley on 01484 482134.

BIRTHDAY BASH RAISES CASH

Aberdeen based Country Strollers Western Dance recently celebrated their 3rd anniversary. During the evening a raffle was held raising £204. Teacher Sheila Halligan handed over the cheque to Sheena Elphinstone whose grandson is autistic and the money will help pay for a trip to the Option centre in Boston where he will receive treatment. Sheila is pictured along with

class members with a tasty looking cake... and a group of likely looking lasses donned Kilts. Where are your sporrans, girls?

UK MUSIC DATABASE

MusicDB is a searchable database of popular music recordings released in the UK over the last 40 something years. A total of some 105,000 artists across over 300,000 recordings. The database includes catalogue numbers, dates of release and in many cases the track listings allowing the visitor to search by record title, artist's names or track title. Although basically a database of recordings, Music DB is gradually adding links to artists' own web sites and details of forthcoming tours, concerts and other gigs. Music DB can be found at http://www.musicdb.co.uk/For further information contact James Spencer on +44 (0) 1494 711426.

DANCE RANCH BABES



C & M Dance Ranch Babes teacher Charlotte Murtagh sends this wonderful picture of the babes themselves, all kitted out and looking mighty happy. The babes were formed two years ago and are trained by Charlotte herself who tells us that the Dance Ranch Babes are here to stay and are available for hire by contacting Charlotte on 01902 419043.

HELP THE AGED

Help the Aged has chosen the longest days of the year to celebrate the lives of older people all over the UK. With all those extra hours of daylight (and hopefully sunshine) the Charity is encouraging older people to step out and join in. On the longest Sun-day there are lots of tempting offers and events to choose from: line dancing, fun days on piers and bridges, open days at Help the Aged residential homes, promotions at the Charity's shops, rail offers and much more. Celebrities such as Lionel Blair and Diana Moran will also be available. For more information contact Rosemary Hargreaves on 0171 250 4416

THE VIKINGS MEET THE BEAST

Britt-Inger Arlebor sends his warm wishes to all the readers of Linedancer. He informs us that Rob Fowler is once again judging the competitions along with Rick & Stella Wilden, Daniela Misturelli & Orlando Continati from Switzerland and Bill Robinson from the USA at the Swedish CWDA taking place on July 30 - August 1st. For more details phone +46 90 12 70 27

RED NOSE STOMPERS

The 'Red Nose Stompers' scuffed into action on 6th

March 1999 to raise money for Comic Relief. A steady stream of both experienced and novice line dancers dropped into Southport's Temperance Institute throughout the day to participate in the event. This fun and hot line dancing day raised in



excess of £950 through sponsorship, donations and a raffle. Tracy Traverse, the organiser, would like to thank everyone who helped raise the money.

DREAMCATCHERS' DELIGHT

Kirsten Llewellyn (alias Kool Kitten) sent this delightful picture of herself and her instructor Jenny Cross. Kirsten sends special thanks to Jenny & Keith Cross for allowing her to sell her Dreamcatchers merchandise at their fancy dress fundraiser. Together they raised £182 for Comic Relief.

AMERICAN EXTRAVAGANZA

The American Extravaganza is happening again at Lady Manners School, Bakewell on 29th, 30th and 31st May. The event includes 'Normansland 'Western Dance Competition, traditional and freestyle, the Team Challenge (held on Saturday 29th May) and new for this year the New Choreographed Dance Competition (held on Sunday 30th May). All competitions are being run by the White Rose Western Dance Association with IDTA judges. Easy Rider, Stray Cat, Kriss Kelly a Gospel Service and possibly a 'cruise' for the American vehicles will all feature over the weekend. The charities being supported this year are "Normansland 2000" Nature reserve for disadvantaged Children, Sheffield Hospital (PACT) group and Romania Direct. Details form Grandma Chrissie on 01629 650386.

MILLENNIUM PIONEERS - CYPRUS

Joan Boyes has kindly sent pictures of her dancers known as the 'Millennium Pioneers' all eagerly showing off their certificates. Whilst on holiday in Cyprus nine of the group took their

bronze medals. They all continue to dance now they are back in England. Also pictured is a lovely shot of the J&B Line Dancers from Limassol whose costumes were made courtesy of sponsorship received from J&B Whisky.



DENMARK STRIKE A 'POSE'

Pictured is a group of line dancers from Demark who belong to the Country Connection Club in Odense. The club has steadily grown from seven members to sixty two. The picture shows 12 of the group who are known as 'Stray Cats'.



STRAPPED UP AND READY TO GO

Little Courtney pictured strapped to mum Dawne

Molloy is a regular at Lynne Schapiro's class. Indeed Susie Nash informs us that Dawne has never missed a class - she walked out on Wednesday 22 April 1998 and arrived back, one week later, to 'tumultuous' applause carrying her little of bundle joy. Everyone is expecting her first steps to be a 'grapevine'. Keep us posted Susie.





BABY NEWS

Christine is pictured holding the new addition to the family. Congratulations are sent to Christine and Chris from 'Silver Eagles' on the birth of their daughter Holly who was born on 8th March. All the Silver Eagles dancers send best wishes to the happy parents and also to their little boys Jordon and Kirean.

THE RYE'S

The Rye Brothers made their London Debut at Lone Star Country Music Club on Saturday 20th March and not only received a very warm welcome, but also a standing ovation at the end of the evening. Everyone had a wonderful time and the club looks forward to their return visit on 5th June.

COMIC RELIEF'S FULL MONTY!



Comic Relief were the winners to the tune of £650 when SL Promotions exploded into action at King George's Hall in Blackburn with a line dance show with a difference. Over 200 people

were treated to a rare display by five 'cheeky' guys called The Wild Stallions, some of whom had suffered the previous indignity of a sponsored head shave on stage - all in the best possible taste of course.

RENEGADE DOES IT AGAIN

Barrie Doddington writes to say what a wonderful night of line dancing he enjoyed at Alan Livett's Club in Surrey. Surprise appearances from Bill Bader and Pedro Machado topped the Wearing his niaht. latest world title belt Pedro treated the class to an exciting renegade exhibition and Bill taught his very own Hot Pepper.



CHORLEY MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

The Chorley Partnership is planning a whole week of events designed to help promote health, a sense of community and a healthier environment and lifestyle. Commencing on 4th July, the week features a day of dance on Friday 9th July to be held at Chorley Town Hall. The day will focus on the numerous physical, social and psychological benefits of dance. It is anticipated that a wide variety of dancing organisations will get involved.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Pheonix Line Dancing Club in Little Halingbury send their thanks to teachers Linda and John Plested who have worked really hard all year round to make the social events such a success. They have helped the class members through the UKA exams and John was instrumental in making the train in the picture.



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MIRROR IMAGE ON TOUR



Following her success at Worlds VII, Female Advanced Champion, Carina Clarke, has been inundated with requests for demonstrations. Carina has teamed up with two friends, Gill and Angela Morgan, to become Mirror Image. For further details of how to book or where to see Mirror Image call 0151 284 5758.

BAD DOG NO LINE DANCING

Hayley Kennedy from Hartlepool wrote to tell us

about her dogs, Shania (left) and Chloe (right) who whine and cry as she leaves them to pursue her passion of line dancing. The dogs obviously have good taste in music because they can only be consoled by Hayley leaving the Dean Brothers or Shania Twain playing when she goes out. They even get excited when



Linedancer arrives each month and sit patiently on Hayley's knee as she reads from cover to cover. Well now they can tell all their doggy friends that they have been in the world's best selling line dance magazine.

MR & MRS

Jacqui Payne and Graham Scales were featured in the January issue of Linedancer. They were touring with the band Shamrock as the group's official line dancers following the chart success of 'Tel! Me Ma'. Carol and Sheila sent in this lovely picture of Jacqui and Graham as they recently tied the knot and would like to send their congratulations to the happy couple.





THE SEARCH

The search for the youngest line dancer goes on with Veronica Jones sending in this bubbly picture of her daughter. Veronica tells us that she danced all the way through her pregnancy up to the date she was due. With her birthday falling on 4th July it's no wonder she is a fan of country music.



GOLDEN WEDDING AT BRONCOBUSTERS

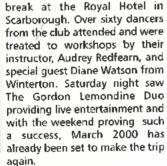


Les and Marjorie Wilson, a couple in their mid-seventies, decided there was nowhere they would rather be than with their fellow line dancers from Broncobusters to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Joy Cook the Broncobusters instructor said, "they are a wounderful couple who contribute a great

deal to our club. Congratulations to them both".

STOMPERS STORM SCARBOROUGH

The Village Stompers had a wonderful weekend recently when they attended a specially organised





BEARDED LADY BIRTHDAY SUPRISE

Alan and Barb Heighway of Feel The Beat Line Dancing were the hosts for a charity night in aid of The Hope House Sick Children's Hospice in Telford. The night raised £154 towards the cost of black out curtains for a special light and sound room. Entertainment was



provided by Paul Bailey of Stomp Music, and demonstrations by Charlene Bishop and Mathew Oakley. A birthday treat for Alan came when a group of ladies, some with beards, did a special version of Alan's favorite dance, Sex On The Beach. A group of his younger members danced in period costume with a replica of the Titanic helping

to make Alan's birthday one to remember.

NORTHERN IRELAND CHARITY FUN DAY

Just For Kicks Line Dance Club has teamed up with Larne Borough Council to organise a charity fun day. Saturday 26th June is set to be a fun packed day for line dance lovers who will be raising money in aid of The Downs Syndrome Association and Ashfield Riding For The Disabled Group. The day will start with a carnival parade through Larne at 12.30 and events will take place throughout the day at Blue Circle Playing Fields, Magheramorne. The Rye's, Barry Upton, Cattle Company and the Rodeo Roadshow Country Disco will all



be in attendance and with competitions, workshops, plus food and drink on hand the day looks set to be fun packed. An all day and all night pass costs £10. Call 01574 270 218 for more information.

RADIO CAROLINE GOES COUNTRY

Every Saturday night Radio Caroline will be broadcasting the sound of Nashville in Caroline Country with Graham Hall between 7pm - 9pm. Graham, an experienced country DJ and compare is very excited at the prospect and potential for the show. Tune in on the Astra Satellite Channel 35 audio band II - 10.994 gHz-stereo. For further details call The Caroline Office on 0181 340 3831.

HUMBER BRIDGE EVENT

Help the Aged are running the event again this year, on Sunday 20 June, at the Humber Bridge car park. They are hoping that the event will be even bigger and better than last year, when 600 people turned out to celebrate the longest lives on the longest day. If anyone would like further details, they can call 01274 723033 and ask for Martin Williamson.

SON TINO STOMPERS

Bill and Veronica Griffiths presented a cheque totalling 162,000 pesetas for abandoned animals. Bill and Veronica's classes are going from strength to strength and they welcome anyone who wishes to don their boots whilst visiting the sunny island of Mallorca.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

Lineviners, seen here in their creative Easter bonnets, raised almost £200 and had a wonderful time into the

bargain. Music was kindly provided by the Washburn Creek duo.



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CHARITY LINES

The New Country Disco and the Tackeroo Club based in Hednesford, Staffordshire have organised a 12 hour line dance spectacular to raise funds for a local charity on 9th May. For more details call Jeff on 01543 423124 or Carl on 01543 423133.

A Charity Line Dance in aid of The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust is being held on Friday 21st May at the Bromborough Civic Centre in Wirral, Merseyside. The tickets are priced at £5 and there is tuition from two of Wirral's top line dance teachers. Further details from Donna on 0151 334 9344 or Julie on 0151 339 0128

WRVS present a Line Dancing and Country Music Evening with Kriss Kelly and Anne Morley on Saturday 22nd May at Winding Wheel in Chesterfield. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and £3 per child. All proceeds go towards WRVS. Further information call Anne Morley on 01246 270367 or WRVS on 0161 872 7492

Neil's Dance Centre is hosting a special line dance social as a memorial to their instructor Neil Smith. Waylander will be special quests at the social on Saturday 22nd May in Welland Park Assembly Rooms, Market Harborough at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds go to the Kingsley Special Need School who are hoping to buy a microphone to help with dance activity classes. For further details call 01858 434 401.

A social event has been set up in aid of local lad. Stephen Curry who fell into Manchester Ship Canal and sustained brain damage. Eccles Eagles LDC Rainbow centre are hosting the event on Saturday 22nd May. Further details and ticket prices can be obtained from Kerris on 0161 950 1711

Buckskin Joes are holding a charity line dance on Friday 28th May at Lowton Civic Hall, Lowton, Wigan.

All proceeds will go to the Cosova Refugee Appeal. Further details are available from Jenny on 01942 812452

Delyn and Deeside Sports Club for the Disabled are holding a line dancing party on Saturday 29 May at the Civic Hall, Connahs Quay. Tickets are priced at £3 and can be booked by phoning 01244 813706. Tickets are limited so you are advised to book early.

A Party Night with Elle Jay in aid of the Breast Cancer Unit Appeal for East Herts, is to be held on Friday 4th June at Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, Herts, near the old pond. The party is from 8pm till 11.30 pm, and there will be a licensed bar, raffle and ample parking. Tickets are £6.50 adults and £3 for children and details can be obtained from Vicki on 01707 872386.

The Winged fellowship Trust, in conjunction with Lions International are currently looking for venues all over the UK in an attempt to set the World Record for the most people line dancing simultaneously. The World record Attempt will take place on Saturday 3rd July at precisely 9pm, as part of a whole evening of line dancing. The record breaking dance has been choreographed especially for this attempt and is suitable for novices, experienced and wheelchair dancers. 40 venues have already been provided by Relaxion plc. For more information on the event or to register a venue call Liz Hanson on 01772 412995.

Fort Apache CM/LDC are putting on a 4th July Festival at Ards Football Club, Portaferry Road. There is a good line up organised: 2.30 - 4 pm Lonesome cowboy Steve McVeigh, 8 pm - 11pm the fabulous Romeo Texas and a workshop with Maggie's Mavericks as well as a quickdraw competition, tombola and spot prizes. The tickets are priced at £6 from 2-6pm or £10 all day and will include a free hot and cold buffet. All proceeds go towards the Meningitis Appeal.



Bouquet Corner

... Sue Carlton and all at Pwllheli, Bethesda, Waunfanf, Caernarvon. Llanfeserfechan and Felinheli sent this poem:

"Eric Jones is 50 on the fifth of May, this message wishes "Penblwydd Hapus" on this special day

He's a teacher who is great, nothing is too much trouble, no matter how hard we looked we couldn't find his double We really do appreciate the laughter and the fun, the dances that he teaches us, he's always on the run! From wall to wall he moves, for all to see his feet, as we follow the steps that make the dance he often feels the heat! We know his little ploy to get a smoking break, six minutes of Mucara Walk while a few puffs he can take. He'll always give a 'knee cap' before we start a dance, encouragement is always there, we know that in advance Thanks for all you do Eric and may this little rhyme show that we appreciate you, not just now but all the time".

...Don Cottrell sends his thanks to "The Gruesome Twosome" who hosted a charity event in aid of local schools in Norwich. The event was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time.

...To Helen, Paula and Elaine of M & M Linedancing. A big thank you for the T shirt you bought me on your weekend away. Much appreciated. Friday nights and Sunday nights have not been the same since I started Line Dancing with you, thoroughly enjoy it. Thank you, Pauline

... Thank-you to all those who visited the stall at the festival in the North Wales Theatre, LLandudno and generously gave up their small change to this cause. I hope you enjoyed our little bit of silliness and it made you smile and let's hope that in some way we have contributed to someone less fortunate than ourselves also being able to laugh or smile for a change. Again, Thank-you all, Tony Howard

...The P.A.C. Line Dancers would like to say a big Thank You to Phillip our dance instructor and his wife Adele for organising a trip to A Chance to Dance at Harrogate. We had a brilliant time.

...Loretta Hartop sends thanks to all her class members who have supported her during her illness and recent bereavement. She wants them all to know that she is back to her normal bubbly self.

...Janice Pearson sends thanks to Ann Estill for putting on a line dance evening in aid of Leukaemia busters for a Southampton based charity. Thanks also to Sally Porter and her team for making the evening so enjoyable. A total of £200 was raised for the charity.

...Nashvilleans, from Our lady of Lourdes, in Birkdale, get a special 'Thank You' from Paula & Michael Devonport for donating the proceeds of their monthly raffle towards their son's appeal.

... A stomping big thank you goes to Teresa and David Guise of the Dance Ranch Whitehaven for another great social night at St Bees on Saturday 3rd April. Their formation team demonstration was excellent, as was the Dancing Chef! Seascale Stompers wish you good luck for Wembley.



Splashda

What do you get when you cross a scuba diver with a line dancer? A scuba scooter, a possible world record and £1200 raised for charity. Jamie Pearson talked to two intrepid divers, Alistair Reed and Alan Monk, about dancing in the depths.

Diver Services in Blackburn teach scuba diving, from beginners' level up to instructor standard. The majority of their diver training takes place at a quarry, called Capernwray, in Over Kellett, Lancaster. When on dry land, however, the divers go to the Bull's Head Pub in Whalley Road, Blackburn, for a social on Saturdays and Sundays.

The divers had tried for some time to persuade Alistair Reed, the landlord of the Bull's Head, to take up diving.

"We were looking for something to raise money for charity in an unusual way," recalled Alistair. "They challenged me to take up scuba diving, and off the top of my head, I said, 'I'll get you lot to do line dancing.' And one of them said, 'why don't we do both underwater?" Alan Monk of Diver Services added: "They came up with underwater line dancing which everybody laughed at because it was going to take some staggering preparation."

One of the first obstacles to overcome was teaching Alistair to dive! This was not too much of a problem because he had worn a mask for breathing in the past. "I was in the Royal Navy for fourteen years," he explained. "Part of our job was to fire fight within the ship, and so I was used to wearing a mask." Alistair passed his open water scuba diver certificate and will soon attempt his advanced certificate dive. There are benefits from scuba diving that are helpful for other activities, according to Alistair. "I found it very helpful with my breathing technique for the London Marathon, so it has helped me twice," he said. With Alistair taking to diving like a latter-day Jacques Cousteau, it was so far so good.

Next came the fine dancing. David Totham, the President of the Chamber of Trade for Blackburn Darwen, is a regular at the Bull's Head. He also happens to be a line dance teacher, and he taught the would-be dancing divers a few steps. After half

a dozen practice sessions in the pub on Sunday afternoons, they were each ready to put their best flipper forward in the water on 25 February.

The venue was a swimming pool, at Bank Hey School in Blackburn, that is used in the evenings by Diver Services. As it happened, returning to school was highly appropriate for the divers. Alan recalled that, "When we first thought up the idea, getting ten people underwater to jig about, it was not a problem.

Then you start trying to synchronise it, and trying to put music down there as well. It adds one or two little problems that caused us to go back to our Alevel physics to figure out how we were going to do it."

One of the early lessons Alan learned was that the music had to originate underwater: "The sound from the surface won't travel underwater and the sound from water won't travel to the surface. But if you put the sound in the water, it will travel through the water."

local news photographers watched the divers raise £1200 for the Macmillan Nurses charity.

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And how does music sound underwater? "Very thumpy," was Alan's verdict. "We had a problem because the bass sounds travelled very slowly underwater, and the higher pitched sounds travelled much faster, because of the way the sound waves go. If you were more than four or five feet away from the speakers, you were hearing the high pitched sounds before you'd hear the bass sounds. So rather than using conventional speakers, which was the original plan, we actually used car horns, because that would send the sound out at a pitch that was high enough for it to travel through the water simultaneously."

It was not all plain sailing setting up the underwater sounds, unfortunately. "We had a little problem when we blew up one of the car horns!" laughed Alan. We were putting forty odd watts through it when they're only designed to take a quarter of that!"

The choice of music was 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly' from the western film of the same title. It was slow-down rather than show-down in the pool, however, as the music was played at seventy per cent of its usual speed. Alan explained, "Everything underwater is slower, hence the divers would not

have been able to dance in time to the music at it was. It wasn't slowed down tremendously, not so that you wouldn't recognise the music, but slow enough so they could dance to the beat underwater. We also kept the beat by tapping an aluminium lifesaving rod against the bottom of the pool."

As for the dancing, was it difficult to grapevine below the water line? "The resistance that the water puts up makes it very difficult to maintain movement, and especially synchronised movement," said Alistair.

"It was very basic," added Alan. "There was nothing complicated in it. But they actually kept dancing for twenty-seven minutes. With the extra resistance that water puts up, there were one or two people out of breath when they came out."

Friends and local news photographers watched the divers raise £1200 for the Macmillan Nurses charity. After this testing of the waters, Alistair and friends plan to organise the first official world record underwater line dance, with fifty dancing divers and the Guinness Book of Records present. Alistair may be the landlord, but he has no intention of calling time on the Bull's Head scuba scooters just yet!



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In June this year the Dixie Chicks will be visiting the UK for the very first time. It will be quite some trip as they make a move to emulate the extraordinary success they have achieved in the States over the past eighteen months.

Their 'Wide Open Spaces' album was released back home on 15th January 1998. Since then it has gone on to sell more than four million copies. The Dixie Chicks became country music's biggest selling new act of 1998 and the biggest selling group. Actually, they sold more copies of their album than all other country groups' sales combined!

The disc has been ever present in the Country Album Chart, reaching number one and has also crossed over to the national US Top 100 where it has so far reached number four. And with four hit singles from the album as well it is fair to say that the three girls didn't have a bad year!

And then there were the awards of course. Two CMA awards were forthcoming in September before two Grammies this February were added to the trophy cabinet. These were special ones for the Chicks as their Best Country Album award saw them outperform the likes of the mighty Garth, Shania, Faith Hill and Trisha Yearwood whilst Best Country Performance By A Vocal Group or Duo for There's Your Trouble is affirmation of their superb harmony laced voices.

The Dixie Chicks phenomenon began when they signed to the newly resurrected Monument label operated by Sony. This is the label that used to be



the Chicks

home to country artists such as Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Tony Joe White, Billy Swann, Larry Gatlin and Ray Stevens as well as pop stars Roy Orbison and Robert Knight. It was instantly a perfect partnership.

But 'Wide Open Spaces' is not the first album by The Chicks. The first on a major label, yes, but there have been three previous outings on their own label. In 1990 came the cheeky 'Thank Heaven For Dale Evans', in 1992 there was 'Little Ol' Cowgirl' and in 1993, as The Dixie Chicks Cowgirl Band, they released 'Shouldn't a Told You That'.

The musical style on these early excursions was not the modern, cutting-edge country with which they are associated today. It was far more rootsy, encompassing western swing, early hillbilly and bluegrass.

The current line-up of the country girl power trio is partly original members and part new blood. Sisters Emily Erwin and Martie Seidel have been the backbone of the band since their early days spent playing for tips on a street corner in Dallas. It is only fairly recently that they have been joined by Natalie Maines who fills the role of lead vocalist.

For the first two albums there were four Chicks with Laura Lynch providing vocals along with Robin Lynn Macy. By album three Robin had left, leaving Laura as head hen and after her departure Martie and Emily set about recruiting their new lead vocalist.

They first met Natalie in her hometown of Lubbock, Texas and asked her to join the band a week later. She is the daughter of legendary steel guitar player/producer Lloyd Maines who has a string of credits to his name including work with Jerry Jeff Walker and Gary P Nunn and indeed contributed to the early Chicks albums himself.

In those early busking days the girls were without an identity but needed to find one as they were regularly receiving booking requests. As Emily recalls, "We didn't have a name at all for a couple of weeks and people started asking us who we were and how to hire us. We were going, 'Who are we? We don't know'."

Martie picks up the story. "We were on our way to our street corner one day when the Little Feet song Dixie Chicken came on the radio. So we decided to call ourselves Dixie Chicken and introduced a logo that had a chicken with long eyelashes. This became Chix and finally we decided on Dixie Chicks."

Their name has proved to be nearly as important to their success as their music and their girl power



image. Their t-shirt declaring Chicks Rule is a hugely popular item on sale on their tour. So, too are the Chicks Kick Ass button badges their fans are proud to wear and their designer clothing, in a kind of punk country style, is a visual expression of their no holds barred attitude. Todd Oldham, designer to the stars is the man responsible for their cool black outfits and he has now been adopted by the girls as official Chicks stitcher. Their description of themselves as a new breed of 'Y'all-ternative' country artists is another example of their spunky spirit.

Asked to describe their musical style, the girls comment, "We don't think we know what we are. We hear a song, put three part harmony, fiddle and banjo on it and it turns into a Chicks song." That may be a slick explanation but the talent involved in accomplishing this task should not be underestimated and in live performance all three agree that their formula works the best. "The best thing about what we do is our live shows. We really need to be on stage and to entertain. It also means that we can stay fresh and open minded about everything."

In June this year it will be our chance to see the Chicks in action as they pay their first visit to the UK, playing to a packed out crowd at London's Shepherds Bush Empire. It will be interesting to see how the Chicks react to a crowd that is bound to comprise many boot scooters dancing beak to beak. Most of the midtempo and upbeat songs on the album have been embraced by choreographers, notably Mr Metelnick, and there is bound to be a hustle for a spot to trot in the venue. To coincide with their visit 'There's your Trouble' will be released as a single on 14th June.

Look out London. There's a corn fed frenzy on the way. And it's bound to be finger licking good!

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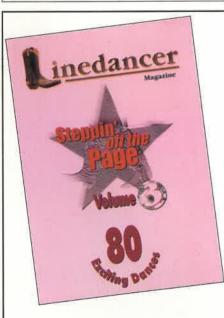
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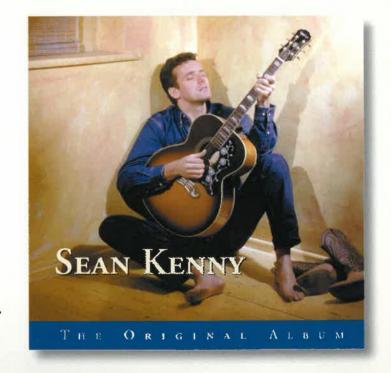
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As the line dancing scene continues to snowball, the demand for original entertainment likewise gathers momentum. Visit any major event and you're sure to be in the line of fire of a cowboy shootout, witness a posse of gun-toting desperadoes, a swarm of sassy saloon girls, or a US cavalryman out for a good old American style knees up. Yet while it's fun to dress up and act the part, one Derbyshire performer wows his audiences with the added knowledge that he is in fact the real deal. Linedancer spoke to rope artist, Samuel Magdaleno...

Cut him down the middle and Samuel would probably have the word 'Mexican' written all the way through him. The youngest of ten children, Sam was born and raised on a typical Mexican farm on the outskirts of Mexico City. It was in this smallholding environment of livestock and horses that his remarkable rope skills and equestrian talents were nurtured.

He said, "Children today pick up a computer game in their spare time, but because I was brought up around horses, ropes became our toys, and our leisure time was spent challenging each other to perform tricks. I was only seven years old when I first picked up a rope."

By the age of nineteen, Sam was riding the range as a Charro - a Mexican cowboy - breaking and training horses on cattle ranches throughout Mexico. He then acquired a certain amount of wanderlust, venturing further afield into the southern states of America before finally returning to his homeland in 1986. It was here that his innate rope and horse expertise was spotted by promoter, Monty Montana.

Sam takes up the story, "Monty saw me practising one day and immediately offered me a job. I then began working for him in a series of Wild West and Rodeo shows which took us on tour throughout Central America, California, Indonesia, and Guatemala. Eventually, following a deal which secured a summer season at the American Adventure Theme Park in Derbyshire, I arrived in England in March, 1988."

However, his initial visit was short and not too sweet, for as he didn't have the necessary work permit required to take up the job, Sam was promptly deported. Nine weeks of red tape later, and he was finally allowed back into the UK to take up his position at the park as resident rope artist and horseback stunt rider.

An authentic cowboy, Samuel's antics in the arena could have been straight out of any old black and white western movie. He said, "I would stand on the horse, or even perform a handstand on its back as it galloped around the ring. I would also do single bolts, where I would slip off the horse while it was in motion, bounce on the ground, and return to the saddle, as well as double bolts, which meant I bounded over its back, bouncing from side to side without actually touching it."

In October of that year, Sam finished his contract with American Adventure and returned to Mexico. But, as in all the old films, this cowboy had found himself a girl - and every movie has to have a happy ending before the credits roll...

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Lasso

Originally meeting Samuel as a visitor to the park, Tina jetted out to Mexico for a ten week stay that December. In March 89, a month after her return home, Sam too arrived back in England and they married that same May. They now have a four year old son, George, who despite the lack of a Mexican environment as an upbringing, is already following in his father's footsteps by throwing the lasso rope and swinging it above his head!

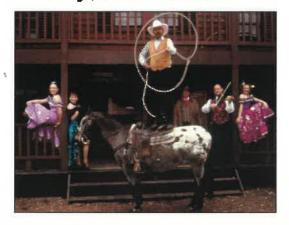
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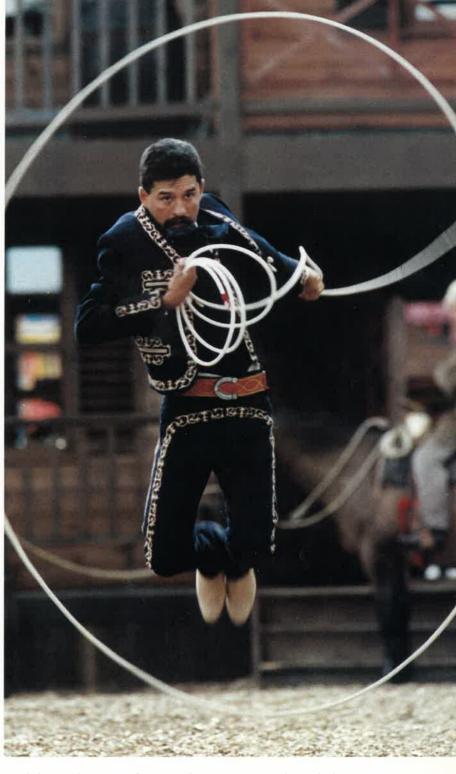
There is the Texas Skip, where he jumps through the rope as it spins in a lasso. The Spring, which is a lasso spinning up and down. The Wedding Ring, which spins around his body, and The Butterfly, where he controls the rope to change direction in front of him. All very technical, but seemingly effortless when Samuel takes charge. And as authentic as he is Mexican, so are the ropes he uses in his act. Made from the material of a certain type of cactus plant, they are a special sort known as a Maguey Rope which he buys from his native country when visiting his family each winter.

As another string to his bow, Sam is also adept with a whip, and is prone to organising a 'cracking' time as a comedy slot when he acquires an unsuspecting audience member in the middle of his spot, positioning them, blindfolded, with four strategically placed balloons! To end his show, Samuel can also be relied upon to oblige the audience with a breathtaking finale - setting up a UV light in a light-dimmed room, and executing the Texas Skip procedure with a luminous rope.

Line dancing just ain't what it used to be....

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"Ann is certainly a rare and remarkable lady whose courage, determination and enthusiasm should serve as an inspiration to cancer sufferers, line dancers and everybody she deals with"

When meeting Ann Napier for the first time, what comes across is her great vitality and enthusiasm. This is all the more remarkable when you begin to unravel the path she has taken to become one of the top choreographers and dance instructors in Scotland.

Ann has always had a great love of dance, beginning to dance at the tender age of two and studying tap and ballet during her childhood years. Throughout the various stages in her life, Ann has always been inspired by dance, and this has led her to experiment with as many different dance forms as possible. Ann initially became aware of line dancing during a trip to Canada in 1988 where she was captivated by it. This has led to many more Canadian trips to keep up to date with the latest developments.

Ann trained as a Hairdresser and Beauty Therapist and, for twenty-six years, made this her career. But a sudden, shattering revelation changed her whole world dramatically. After a visit to the Doctor, Ann was diagnosed as having breast cancer and, at her own admission, she thought her world had ended. After the diagnosis, Ann began her treatment which consisted of surgery and radiotherapy. She became thoroughly depressed.

As the treatment progressed and Ann began to feel well again, she began to resume her beauty commitments and her line dancing events. Ann was snowed under with work and this led to her husband, John, giving her an ultimatum - choose either line dancing or beauty therapy. This was a crunch decision for Ann as she had her own beauty business but, as you can already guess, Ann chose the former and really threw herself whole-heartedly into the line dancing. This decision was made easier due to the support of her husband, their children Kelly and Ryan and her parents.

Now Ann teaches five classes from Sunday through to Thursday in the area around Dalkeith where she lives. In teaching circles, Ann is more commonly known as Arizona Ann: she was christened this by her friends who wanted a country sounding title that

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complemented her name. Monthly dances are organised by Ann and are held at the Morris Club to allow her class members to strut their stuff. Ann is so busy that she cannot possibly do all the work herself, so she is assisted by eighteen-year-old Kerry Cane whom she calls her right hand lady.

A keen choreographer, Ann has many dances to her credit, and she says she loves to experiment with and experience new dance steps. She particularly likes choreography by Max Perry, John Robinson and Jo Thompson. Ann's new dance, "Quando-licious", danced to Engelbert Humperdinck's "Quando Quando Quando", is a particular favourite of hers and obviously of the dancers too as it is going down a storm on the dance floor. Other dances created by Ann include "Honky Tonk Town", "Cheater Senorita", "Needle In A Haystack" and "Believe" which was choreographed to the track of the same title by Cher.

Travelling is becoming a bit of a habit for Ann because, as well as her regular classes, she is in demand to take workshops all over Scotland. She has taught from northerly Aberdeen and Newtonmore down to Galashiels and Musselburgh. Having seen Ann take a workshop, you can see why she is in demand. She is enthusiastic about every dance she teaches; some are her own creations while others are favourites from other choreographers. Her cheery and pleasant manner emanates into the assembled throng, building up their confidence and adding a feel good factor into learning the dances.

When not teaching, Ann has been instrumental in the setting up of the Scottish Western Academy Of Dance, otherwise referred to as SWAD. The Academy is playing a part in training the next generation of line dance teachers as it offers different levels of courses. As well as training, the Academy has already held a very successful line dance competition and is holding another big competition in Dalkeith during May. When not organising events, Ann can often be found judging competitions around the Country as she is in great demand.

As if Ann was not busy enough already, she set up the Scottish Western Dance Council For Scotland (SWDCS) in October last year. The aim of this Council is to promote line dancing in Scotland, to unite all line dance teachers and offer any help or advice that they may need. Ann and eight of her friends are running this on a purely voluntary basis and, when talking about it, Ann's enthusiasm for the project is evident.

Another of Ann's passions is singing, and she has sung with several Country Bands including Frank Welshman and the Andrew Hendry Band. Ann harbours a great ambition to go and sing in Nashville with a Country Band and, having seen this lady in action, I am sure she will get her wish one day.

Throughout her troubles, Ann has never lost sight of those less fortunate than herself and does a great deal of fund-raising through her dancing. Understandably, Ann's favourite charity is Breast Cancer, and she has already collected more than five thousand pounds. Just recently, she raised eight hundred pounds for Radio Forth's Help a Child Appeal.

Ann is certainly a rare and remarkable lady whose courage, determination and enthusiasm should serve as an inspiration to cancer sufferers, line dancers and everybody she deals with. Ann would like to leave you with this thought: "There is life after breast cancer. It has changed my life for the better."



For more information on Ann Napier, contact SWAD 6, Burnside Avenue, Easthouses, Dalkeith, Midlothian, EH22 4JB.

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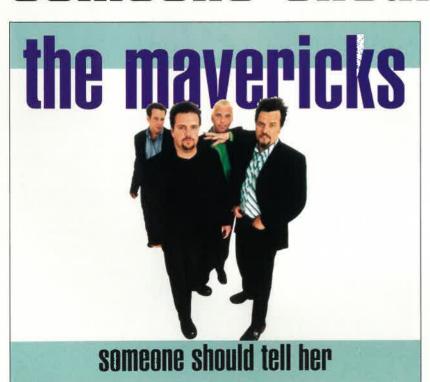
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recorded live at the Royal Albert Hall





ALBUM REVIEWS

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Having been writing this column for some while now I am regularly sent CDs and tapes by independent artists looking for a comment, preferably of the positive kind. I'd like to take a moment this month to clarify one or two points in reference to this.

If the artists are unknown or relatively unknown and they have presented a decent product it is a pleasure to be able to draw attention to their work through the pages of this magazine. If their work seems to be below par, I prefer not to mention it through fear of discouragement and causing upset. That is the general rule I apply.

However, if the artists in question are known to the line dancing public it is expected of me, in the role of music reviewer, to pass comment on their endeavours, whether positive or not. There does not seem to be much point in extolling the virtues of everything reviewed just to be hospitable. If I feel that a piece of product is poor I will say so, just as I will say so if I feel it is wonderful.

I do not enjoy being disapproving of things I listen to. I'd like to like it all. In all cases I feel a duty to this magazine and to its readers to pass my genuine opinion on what I hear. I know it is not everybody's opinion. It's only one opinion. But it's always an honest one.

An album which falls into the 'delighted to sing its praises' category is CRYIN' ON YOUR SHOULDER by Josh Bradshaw, who has a big and bold voice that is 100% country. There are ten fabulous country songs on this collection of which HE'S GOT A WAY WITH WOMEN is a gem. "He's got a way with women and he's got away with mine" and it's at a socking 157 bpm tush pushing pace. Likewise, SOMEWHERE SOUTHWEST OF NOWHERE (129bpm) is a rocker in Travis Tritt territory and IF I WAS A BETTIN' MAN a beautiful 89bpm love song to suit a County Line Cha Cha.

If you're interested, the contact telephone number in the UK for WLM Records is 01772 339787. (Ears 4, Boots 3)

The talented Rosie Flores has a new album, DANCE HALL DREAMS out on Rounder Records and it follows the trend she has set in delivering good quality Honky Tonk country. Her first album, released some

twelve years ago, spawned the wonderful CRYIN' OVER YOU and since then she has released a further three corkers. This, her latest album, draws on traditional country dance hall sounds, two steps, bluesy shuffles, hillbilly jigs and lilting laments. Guests include Radney Foster and Tammy Rogers plus veteran drummer Donald Lindley. It is a first class collection of songs and for dancers THIS OL' HONKY TONK is a welcoming 117bpm waltz, '59 TWEEDLE DEE(176bpm) and LITTLE BIT MORE (179bpm) are throbbing jivers and WE'LL SURVIVE a teasing 172bpm two step. Rosie used to tour regularly in the UK. Let's hope she makes a return trip soon (Ears 4, Boots 3

Sawyer Brown release their fifteenth album, DRIVE ME WILD which offers no surprises. Mark Miller's distinctive vocals again overlay a selection of gentle rockers and mid tempo ballads. BREAK MY HEART AGAIN (107bpm) is a pleasant cha cha, MOON OVER MIAMI (130bpm) a surf country swayer and ALL WOUND UP a rolling 131bpm thumper. The rest is kind of OK without being outstanding. (Ears 3, Boots 3)

Van Morrison's new BACK ON TOP album is worth exploring. In general terms it fits into the same category as the latest Boz Scaggs album and includes one or two highly useful dance tracks. PRECIOUS TIME (131bpm) makes a great uptempo alternative for King Of The Road or T Bone and NEW BIOGRAPHY (110bpm) works well in rhythm for Por Ti Sere, even if the lyrics are somewhat strange. GOIN' DOWN GENEVA is a fab 121bpm bluesy shuffler and GOLDEN AUTUMN DAY (98bpm) makes a moody cha cha. Van's the Man. Who else could possibly sound so casually animated as he mumbles his way through the words of his songs? (Ears 4, Boots 3)

Line Dance Fever 8 is on the way and due in early May. Confirmed key tracks so far are War's CINCO DE MAYO, BR5-49's SEVEN NIGHTS TO ROCK, The Tractors' POOR BOY SHUFFLE (Eddy Naven's Jambalya) and Bellamy Brothers' ALMOST JAMAICA but there are plenty of other goodies in the pipeline. Full track listing to follow next month.

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a spot of acting, mainly in country music videos, but her latest incarnation, as a recording artist, seems to be the realisation of a childhood dream that started back on her Grandpa's farm in North Carolina.

It is this memory which inspired the mellow, autobiographical HOME IN MY HEART, the only self-penned track on the collection, a moody slow cha cha which tells the story of Claudia's youth. An authentic country anecdote. Lovely. Much of the other material here has the 'feel chirpy cha chas to prove the point. LOST IN A FEELING has that 'just fallen in love' warmth and melody.

JUST AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME has an air of early Carlene Carter about it, almost rock and roll in places and THIS MAN I LOVE is typically Crowell, with clever key changes and 'keep it simple' lyrics.

The one real upbeat cut is a two step, ideal for Ribbon Of Highway, and another good story song. THE STREETS OF NASHVILLE - it almost

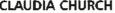
There are four stand out tracks, WILL YOU STILL

SMALLTOWN GIRL is about having goals and ambitions. "She pictures herself on Vogue magazine.." while "her mama hangs the clothes

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU BABY is as cheery and sing-a-long-able as the very best country pop of recent times, Faith's THIS KISS, Trisha's THERE GOES MY BABY and Shania's WHEN included. Ideal for a Ham's Jam or

Finally, Rodney's own hit, I WON'T FALL IN LOVE SO EASY, is beautifully interpreted by his new old

Radio friendly and dancer friendly. Friendly all round actually.



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What a gorgeous album this is. Produced by her husband and long-time industry stalwart Rodney Crowell, Claudia Church's debut is a fresh sounding, clean and classy excursion into the world of pop country.

Her previous jobs have included modelling and

good' factor that accompanies Rodney Crowell's work and there are plenty of smiley shuffles and IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT a memorable sing-a-long

writes itself doesn't it?

LOVE ME TOMORROW is the old Carole King song made famous by The Shirelles and Claudia's version has us both reminiscing and swaying yummily to its modern country interpretation.

on the line. Daddy makes a living one day at a time." If you really want it and you work for it, you'll get it is the message and the song's energy lives up to the lyrics.

Houston Slide.

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THE BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA

THE DIRTY BOOGIE

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03 THIS OLD HOUSE	206	10 SWITCHBLADE 327	.120/240		
04 LET'S LIVE IT UP	177	II NOSEY JOE	175		
05 SLEEPWALK		12 HOLLYWOOD NOCTURNE	108		
06 JUMP JIVE AN' WAIL	204	13 AS LONG AS I'M SINGIN' .	.1151230		
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If you like your line dancing turbo charged and the pace of your music unrelentingly rapid then this could easily be the album of your dreams. It's not country, not a bit, but it includes all the essentials of rock and roll, jump jive and swing that are becoming the latest trend on Stateside hardwood floors.

More Zoot Suits than Hillbilly Roots, more Soft Shoe Spats than Cowboy Hats, and more Wild And Cool than Howdy Y'all, this boy has a hip and swingin' big band wham bam wailin', rockin' repertoire.

Brian Setzer used to be the main man in The Stray Cats (remember STRAY CAT STRUT?) who in recent years has turned his attention to reducing the size of his quiff and re-inventing the sounds made famous by the pioneers of early rock'n'roll. This current album has been on the US charts for over a year and now looks set to make in-roads into UK territory.

Already dances have successfully been choreographed for two of the album's cuts. Jennifer Paisley Smith's Low Down Dirty Boogie to the title track is easy, fast and fun and the old Louis Prima hit, JUMP JIVE AN' WAIL is equally well accompanied. Both these songs are pure and perfect pistol packing examples of their genre and are capable of transforming the mankiest moggie into the coolest cat.

To dance to music at 200 beats per minute you have to be pretty fit and with over half the cuts on this album at that pace or more you'll need to be Linford Christie to make it all the way through. As well as the two mentioned, THIS CAT'S ON A HOT TIN ROOF is a fantastic jitterbugger, SWITCHBLADE 327 a psychobilly stormer and ROCK THIS TOWN (a re-recording of Brian's own Stray Cats classic) a rousing big band liver that in this form has a little of the 'Batman' theme about it's melody.

AS LONG AS I'M SINGIN' is very forties swing and Bobby Darin-esque, which is not surprising as it was he who wrote the track. And what superb guitar licking. Dig that rhythm baby.

On the slower side, the 175bpm NOSEY JOE comes from Five Guys Named Moe territory, a concentrated mix of live and jump which is bound to make a welcome alternative for the likes of All Week Long or Swing City Jive. HOLLYWOOD NOCTURNE is a rubbery rhumba which has Brian singing through a sock and SLEEPWALK, the Santo and Johnny classic from 1959, is a teasingly inviting super slow Sway. Another cover, the Skyliners' SINCE | DON'T HAVE YOU is presented as a sleazy, speakeasy born belter. Dance to this or take off your clothes, the choice is yours.

"More Zoot Suits than Hillbilly Roots, more Soft Shoe Spats than Cowboy Hats."



Two more covers are THIS OLD HOUSE (Rosemary Clooney / Shakin' Stevens), in accelerated strutting style and YOU'RE THE BOSS, a Lieber and Stoller bluesy creeper on which Setzer is joined on vocals by Gwen Stefani.

Attention all you Crazy Chicks and Big Bad Daddies. Brian's here and set to swing. Ready, Setzer, Go!

THE RYES

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The Ryes (they have now dropped the 'brothers' bit from their name) are both happy souls, full of fun, willing entertainers and charming chaps who give their all in live performance.

In recorded quise their energy is transferred to the finished CD and so is their sense of fun. And in terms of 'dance-ability', there cannot be too many complaints. But as an album of quality recordings I am afraid this is less appealing Some of the ideas are very good but just don't quite fulfil their promise. Most noticeable of these is WESTERN RYE, likely to be the hit of the package with its 'Hooked On Country' template overlaid with well-known themes to Hollywood Westerns. A decently executed interpretation of the soundtracks, sure, but that boom crash drum machine. Eek!

Actually it is this piece of equipment that is most unwelcome in the package altogether. NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK 2000 suffers similarly from emotionless 'drummer in a box' syndrome. This song may be the backbone of The Rye's live set but in the cold light of day it's aurally uninspiring and boys, what is the obsession with turning up the vari-speed on every 'fun' dance track you record?

Other uptempo tracks ABSOLUTELY DEFINITELY and TIME AFTER TIME unmemorable. Similarly MEMORIES OF YOU and IN SILENCE are unexciting ballads.

On a more positive note LOCHS AROUND INCHNADAMPH, uncannily similar to IS ANYBODY GOING TO SAN ANTONE in melody, is a very pleasant sway along cha cha and RUNNING AWAY is a decent pop dance chugger. With 'Full Monty' frivolity still in voque The Ryes version of Tom Jones' YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR HAT ON isn't bad and title track BACK TO THE WILD. although slow to get going, introduces some good musical themes.

As an album for the dancer this does the job. For the listener I'm not so sure.





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TOE THE LINE 4

Producers of Toe The Line 4 were dismayed to find that following a last minute change in the track listing for CD2, the dance suggestions and information for tracks 21 - 29 were incorrectly attributed. Oops! Happy to come to the rescue, we have printed a new inside cover for your CD case with the correct listings and pass on the record company's apologies.

Track	BPM	Dance Suggestion	Track	BPM	Dance Suggestion
1	143	Scotia Samba	21	108	Mucara Walk
2	129	It's A Country Thing	22	128	Walkin' The Line
3	124	Walkin' on me	23	196	Hot Pepper
4	161	Jukebox	24	137	Salty Tears
5	131	T Bone Shuffle	25	150	Just For Grins
6	125	Cowboy Hustle	26	153	Lonesome U
7	150	Bowlegged Dream/Back in the Saddle	27	153	Hot Tamales
8	136	She Does	28	130	Fallsview Rock
9	118	Ham's Jam	29	114	Practise Makes Perfec
10	127	Pencil Thin Moustache	30	149	Smell The Whiskey
11	127	Sixteen Step	31	162	Tush Push
12	143	Misbehavin'	32	134	Psychabilly Boogie
13	126	San Antone (The Birchwood Stroll)	33	131	Red Lips
14	194	Ribbon Of Highway	34	146	Copperhead
15	116	Cowboy Charleston	35	179	Cajun Skip
16	205	Streamlinin'	36	89	Cajun Mambo Walk
17	126	North O' The Border	37	109	County Line Cha Cha
18	120	Leap Of Faith	38	116	One Step Forward
19	116	Black Coffee	39	110	B.B.1.B.B.
20	121	Cruisin'	40	200	Walkin' Wazi

Compiled by Steve Crosby. Thanks to Berty Drummond, Rob Thompson & all at Linedancer. Sarah Brosmer, MCA Nashville, Gareth Carter and Torry Newbury (King Rep). MCD 70061





LINE DANCE HEAVEN

Line Dance Heaven is a new CD on the market by retired insurance agent turned songwriter Tony McCann. Fifteen dances choreographed by Jenny Rockett of Grundy Gallop fame accompany the album, including Graceland which was taught at the CWDC European Championships this year. It sells at £7 plus £1 postage. To order the CD call Richdee Records on 0181 310 5901.

ADAM SIGNS RECORD DEAL

Adam Couldwell has signed a two album record deal with Focus / Gut Records who brought us the Jane McDonald album and have been involved with the likes of Right Said Fred and pop band Space. Keep watching this column for more details.

UK RECORD COMPANY SHOW FAITH IN FAITH

A repackaged version of Faith Hill's latest album was released in the UK on 19th April. It includes the chart hit This Kiss plus the newly recorded title track Love Will Always Win. Also included is Piece Of My Heart, the Erma Franklin hit which first appeared on Faith's Take Me As I Am album in 1993. Ms. Hill, the wife of Tim McGraw, recently had four nominations at this year's Grammies.

BRITISH COUNTRY MUSIC AWARD WINNERS

This year's successful artists were as follows:

British Section

Male Vocalist Charlie Landsborough

Female Vocalist: Mary Duff Group/Duo: The Halevs

Rising Star: Adam Couldwell
Album: Tribute to Hank Williams -

The Rimshots/

Rusti Steel & The Tin Tax

Bluegrass group: Down Country Boys

International Section

Male Vocalist: Vince Gill
Female Vocalist: Reba McEntire
Group/Duo: The Mavericks
Rising Star: The Dixie Chicks
Album: The Key - Vince Gill

Artist on an Independent Label: Heather Myles

Bluegrass group: Alison Krauss & Union Station

COUNTRY WHISPERS

Dave Allen has left BBC Radio 2's Thursday night country programme to join Country 1035, London's 24 hour country music radio station. He is now presenting the 4pm to 7pm drivetime slot and will also continue to be involved with the country music content of British Airways' in-flight entertainment service. David's replacement at Radio 2 is 'Whispering' Bob Harris, best remembered from his days as host of BBC TV's Old Grey Whistle Test.

STRAIT DOWN THE LINE

George Strait fans who were unable to get tickets for his recent concert tour were able to see the whole thing live, thanks to the wonder of the World Wide Web. On 27th March George's performance from Tampa, Florida



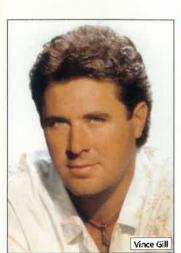
was witnessed by a host of internet users who were also treated to candid backstage shots and behind the scenes footage. If you want to visit the web site, you can do so at www.georgestrait.com.

FROM PRETENDER TO EMOTIONAL RENDER

As a guitarist, Robbie McIntosh is amongst the top names in the business. He is, in the ears of those who know, the guitarist's guitarist, and as a member of The Pretenders and Paul McCartney's band, he has played all over the world. 'Emotional Bends' is Robbie's first solo album release, containing 12 self-penned songs. It is available on Vandeleur Records Cat. No. VANCD5.

LINDA GAIL ON THE COUNTRY TRAIL

Jerry Lee Lewis' sister, Linda Gail Lewis has her eponymous album on release. The fourteen track album was produced by Stuart Coleman who also twiddles knobs for Shakin' Stevens. Linda has recently completed a tour of the UK with Shaky himself. The CD is out on Sire Records, catalogue no. 4344-310632.





GARTH LOOKS FOR A HOME RUN

With time off the road, Garth Brooks is concentrating his activities in other directions, one being playing baseball for Major League Baseball Team, The San Diego Padres. In lieu of a salary, the baseball team will make a contribution to children's charities.

In the meantime his Red Strokes production company is making Garth's debut movie, The Lamb. The central character is Chris Gaines, a messianic pop star, but it is uncertain at this time whether Garth will play the role himself. Nevertheless an album of music from the movie is due to be released this month in the States.

Garth has been keen to stress that although this is a pop/rock album he has not forsaken his country roots.

GEORGE JONES UPDATE



George Jones was again admitted to hospital in Nashville on Tuesday 6th April. Doctors made the move as a precautionary measure as George was suffering from an irregular heartbeat which the doctors thought might have been caused by dehydration. Meanwhile, there's a rumble that Jones' next single will be a Jamie O'Hara song called 'The Cold Hard Truth'. Many who have heard it say it's one of the best recordings that Jones has ever made.

KENNY TAKES HIS LOVE TO TOWN

Veteran country entertainer Kenny Rogers hits the UK for a tour this month. The dates are as follows:

Civic Hall, Wolverhampton	May 16
Fairfield Halls, Croydon	May 17
Bournemouth Int. Centre	May 18
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall	May 20 & 21
Newcastle City Hall	May 22
Manchester Apollo	May 24 & 25
Cardiff Int. Centre	May 27
Nottingham Royal Centre	May 28
Royal Albert Hall	May 30



HAIL HAL

Hal Ketchum has announced dates for his forthcoming UK tour:

Dublin HQ July 26/27

Sheffield - The Boardwalk July 29

(0114 251 3014)

London - Shepherds Bush July 30

(0171 771 2000)

Cambridge Folk Festival July 31

SCOOCH SCOOPED UP

(01223 357851)

New pop dance band Scooch, who appeared at this year's Linedancer Awards, are rumoured to have signed a recording contract with a major label. The two boy, two girl vocal harmony performers look set to have their debut single released in the summer. Peter Metelnick and Ruth Lambden have already choreographed a dance for the song, 'When my baby dances with me'. A line dance mix of the track will appear on the single.

THE DEAN SEATS

The Dean Brothers are in the process of completing a new studio album produced by Cheap Seats guitarist John Pettifer. Release is expected in August.

The Deans are also involved in a new five part line dance competition series being filmed by Border TV in June. The boys will be providing the music for the series that will be co-hosted by Border TV's Gillie Frazer and Boot Scoot's Ruth Lambden. The shows will include some footage shot at this year's Linedancer Awards.

END OF THE LINE

The many thousands of Boxcar Willie fans will be saddened to learn that he lost his three year battle to fight leukemia on 13th April 1999. Boxcar Willie was 67 years old and was a member of The Grand Ole Opry cast, frequently performing on the historic show in Nashville. The mayor of Branson has ordered that flags be flown at half-mast until after his funeral.

CMA FAN FAIR

The 1999 International Country Music Fan Fair is all set to run on 14-19 June 1999 in Nashville. Last year was a huge success with a line-up of Dolly Parton, Lee Ann Womack, Garth Brooks, Steve Wariner, Vince Gill and Olivia Newton-John to name but a few. If you would like a brochure and more details contact CMA on 0171 734 3221

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Viva España!

The first Dave Sheriff Dance Party, held in Fuengirola, Spain, over the last week in February, was proclaimed a resounding success by just about everyone who attended. This was despite nearly half of the 140 dancers booked on the week-long event encountering a five hour delay at Manchester Airport. In true form, they flew the line dancing flag in the departure lounge, producing a ghetto blaster, and rocking the place to the sounds of Red Hot Salsa!

The event was hosted by Dave and Chris Sheriff. Each afternoon began with a workshop, from 2-4pm, in which instructors Karen Jackson (from Horsham's Dance 'n' Smile), and Alan and Barb Heighway (from Telford's Feel the Beat) taught some of the latest dances. An evening meal followed at 6.30pm in the superb hotel restaurant, and then it was dance all the way until midnight. The first hour was used as a refresher of the dances taught that day and was followed by two live sets from the resident artistes, Dave Sheriff and Dane Stevens.

At the end of the week, Dave Sheriff's partygoers found they were returning home with no less than ten new UK dances. These were Line Dance Boogie (Liz Clarke), Payday (Chris Goodyear), Hearts & Flowers (Adrian Churm), Whispers (Christina Browne), Wind Ya Body (Michael Kokolay), Saying Goodbye (a line and couple dance by Linda and Colin Chester), Happy Times (Gaye Teather) and One Man Band, Wildest Dreams and Line Dance Instructor (Adrian Churm).







The last night commenced with a special meal which included a magnificent celebration cake (measuring 3' by 2'). It was then off to the ballroom for some serious dancing. The event closed with Dave Sheriff and Dane Stevens duetting on Auld Lang Syne (Walking the Line), Red Hot Salsa and Best of Friends (Happy Times). Next year's Fuengirola Dance Party has been extended to two full weeks (6-20 February 2000), and over half of this year's party-goers have already booked a return visit. With sun and Red Hot Salsa guaranteed, Dave's party-goers are assured of a holiday to remember.

For details of next year's event, phone Chris Tipton on 0800 328 5710 "At the end of the week, Dave Sheriff's partygoers found they were returning home with no less than ten new UK dances"



On Top

The most encouraging feature of Worlds VII and The 1999 CWDC European Championships was arguably the new wave of young dancing talent on show. Established dancers had better start looking over their shoulders! One ten-year-old in particular proved at Worlds VII that age is no barrier to making the grade at Renegade. Jamie Pearson bridged the generation gap to find out more.

Emma Frater (aged 10) is one of the young, bright northern lights of British line dance. She lives in Crosshands, Ayrshire and has been line dancing for four years. Dancing is very much a family affair in the Frater household as Emma gets in line at her mum's line dancing club, The Cross 'n' Hands Country Kickers, for three classes each week. It is just as well that Emma's supportive mum, Eileen, likes her line dance, as Emma also travels to Liz Clarke's classes in Glasgow.

At weekends, Emma is often found competing around the country, or even worldwide. Highly promising top three placings in the last two British Championships were followed by 1st place in Junior Youth at The 1998 Dutch Championships. Emma's greatest success to date, however, was in January at Worlds VII in San Antonio, Texas. She was undaunted by her trip across the Atlantic as visiting America is nothing new to her. Florida is Emma's preferred destination, where she and her family go to open dances at the Country clubs. There is more to Florida than dancing, of course. Disneyland is a favourite stop, a place where, as Emma says, it never seems to rain - unlike rainy western Scotland! She particularly enjoys the costume parades of Disney characters, a spectacle of colourful outfits that has much in common with the vivid hues worn in line dance competition.

As for the Worlds, Emma found the idea of competing, "a wee bit scary," but thought she had a chance. She competed in three categories: Junior Youth Showcase, Junior Youth Advanced and the Open Renegade. Emma put in the hard work and performances of a champion just to qualify for the Junior Youth Showcase, competing against adults in the Open Female Showcase category at competitions prior to the Worlds. She qualified with a 3rd and 4th in the Dutch Championships and a 5th place at the Scottish Gathering. So even though Emma danced in a field of one in Junior Youth Showcase at the Worlds, she was there entirely on merit, and was deservedly crowned World Champion. "When I found out there wasn't anyone to compete against I felt a little bit disappointed because I usually like a bit of a challenge," said Emma.

of the World YOUTH ZONE



The disappointment did not last long, however. Emma began competing in earnest in the Junior Youth Line Dance, and was placed second out of three competitors. While Showcase was an opportunity for Emma to give a sparkling exhibition of her dancing with the pressure off, Junior Line Dance was, in her own words, "a wee bit harder!"

The result of the weekend for Emma was 14th out of twenty-two in the Open Renegade. It was especially pleasing for her because, "I beat people with a higher profile than I have, which I thought was quite good!" Seasoned adult competitors had to take their cowboy hats off to the young Scottish lass who beat them fair and square. Renegade is Emma's favourite event because she enjoys the creativity and spontaneity of Renegading. So what goes through her mind when she has just thirty seconds to prepare her dance? "You do moves that you think you like, and see if they go to the music." But does this always work for Emma? "Sometimes I get relieved that it works and sometimes, if I'm doing a really fast tune, it doesn't work so it's terrible!" Not that this stops her from going for it anyway!

Another highlight of Emma's weekend at the Worlds was dancing with World Male Superstar Champion "I think he's just loopy!" she Pedro Machado. giggled. Emma likes Pedro's madcap sense of humour. She recalled, "When 'Cha Cha Loco' came on, Pedro had been working on his hat cleaning stand, so he came on the dance floor with his black pinafore on and swung it everywhere!" Most of all, though, she is a fan of Pedro's dancing: "I like Pedro because he's always using his hands and puts in a lot of expression." Emma names World Female Superstar Champion Jamie Davies as her favourite female dancer. She said, "With Jamie, when it comes to footwork, it's really... wow!"

Emma's next competition was the CWDC European Championships at Brean Sands where she came 1st in the Junior Open, dancing the 'Tush Push'. The Brean Sands event was different from any other event that Emma had experienced. "When I was dancing the Tush Push, I'd never been so hot in my life!" she recalled. "There were twenty people on the floor competing. I'm used to only five on the floor." Emma positively welcomes competition when she dances in championships. "If there are more competitors competing, I think it's even more fun for me. When there are more people around me, I usually know them all. It means I can make more friends."

When Emma is not busy making new friends, she broadens her dancing horizons. She has danced couples with Michael McChord (aged 11) who won the Male Novice Youth Line Dance title at the Worlds, although they did not have time to prepare a couples entry for San Antonio. Emma has added ballet and jazz dance lessons to her weekly schedule for 1999, and believes these other dance forms help her line dancing. "Ballet helps me with my posture," she said. "You have to dance straight. It also helps you to avoid being stiff, as well. The jazz is good because it gives me a lot of hand movement that I can use." Emma. with typical enthusiasm, enjoys line dance, ballet and jazz in equal measure.

One of Emma's ambitions is to become a line dance teacher like her mum. Emma has already taught ten to twelve-year-olds at her school, Crossroads Primary School. And how well did Emma's first class do? "Well, most of them picked it up, but some of them didn't!" was her modest assessment. Emma will have plenty more opportunities to teach as, in the close-knit community of Crossroads, there are currently seventy-five children at the primary school, and most of them line dance. The local community has really taken to line dancing, and never more so than when Emma's mum organised a line-up of 200 dancers at Ayr Town Hall for Children of Need, raising £7000. While Emma's mum may be an inspiration to her as an instructor, Emma is very much her own dancer. "I dance my own way!" she enthused.

Line dance is fast becoming young at heart thanks to Emma and her friends. And what is the appeal of line dance for the younger generation? "It's fun, funky and it keeps me fit!" answers Emma. Fun-loving and successful, Emma proves that dancing can be child's

Emma's favourite dances: Cha Cha Loco Drive Me Wild Latin Groove



Passing the

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, said that, "A person's health is their most valuable possession," and who would argue with that? Alan Fuller, a sports therapist, talked to Linedancer's Jamie Pearson about how investing time and effort in your fitness will pay dancing dividends.

Alan originally practised Swedish massage and shiatsu, involving the massage of pressure points on the body. His enthusiasm for sports, including squash, martial arts and latterly golf, encouraged him to specialise in treating sporting injuries. To Alan's trained eye, there is little difference between line dancing injuries and those he sees from other sports at every level of competition. The human anatomy is common to us all, not just to dedicated athletes.

Preparation is the key to avoiding injury. Alan compares golfers who strain themselves at the first tee having come straight from the car park, to line dancers who risk injury by walking onto the dance floor, without any warm-up, and dancing immediately. In Alan's view, people should go line dancing and enjoy themselves, but as with any sport, "You've got to get fit to do what you want to do." It is hard to argue with Alan's assertion that it is worth the effort to stay in shape when the alternative might be sitting out dances nursing strains and sprains. The soundest advice Alan can give regarding sports injuries is, "Prevention is better than cure."

So what parts of the body do dancers need to strengthen, in order to avoid injury? According to

Alan, the back, the stomach, knees, thighs, legs and ankles are all heavily relied upon by line dancers. Flexibility is equally important. Alan stresses that dancers should have decent range of movement in their joints, especially when learning from a very flexible instructor. "If you see someone who's showing you all the moves and they're super-flexible and super-fit, you do try too much," he observed.

The muscles and tendons of truly flexible joints will be less susceptible to strains through overreaching, and Alan suggests there are more everyday benefits too. "You can't expect to be in balance and walking properly all your life," he said. "Occasionally we are going to just stumble over something. It can't be helped if you slip off a kerb. But if you've got a decent amount of length in the joint, it's not going to bother you." Alan recommends regular stretching exercises and warming up thoroughly for dancers who wish to achieve this length of movement. If people are worried about their flexibility, Alan suggests they only attempt dances they feel comfortable doing.

For anyone still in the starting blocks on the road to fitness, consulting a sports therapist can get you moving in the right direction. The first step is a fitness assessment. "A sports therapist will look at what you can do, what you can't do and what you need to do, bearing in mind the dancing," explained Alan. "He will then work out an individual programme of exercising and stretching to get you in good shape to do your activity. One of the problems with lay people is that they assume that the activity they are going to do will keep them in shape to do that activity. You have to do something else." Exercise and stretching can be supplemented by sports massage, a deep form of massage that can identify muscle problems, speed recovery from injury, and improve muscle flexibility and joint mobility. Individual exercise programmes can also be designed to aid rehabilitation after injury.

As a sports therapist, Alan can give his patients his undivided attention. Rather than turning to a text book or handing out prescriptions, he can take hold of an injured joint, diagnose the injury and do something about it there and then. Time is not an issue when Alan's patients talk to him about their injuries. "Because I'm hearing all the story, I can better help you," said Alan. "I get superb results by taking an interest in my patients."

Alan suggests a number of ways in which dancers can tailor their routine so it is in-step with their health. Warming up before dancing is important in order to stretch the muscles. Ideally, dancers should warm up



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Fitness Test

with movements that go beyond the range of any line dance steps they plan to do. The consequences of limiting the range of a warm-up routine, according to Alan, are comparable to pulling a muscle when reaching for a high shelf or straining neck muscles while looking round to reverse a car. These strains all occur when an individual reaches beyond the range of movement his muscles are warmed up for.

Some dancers may believe that a low tempo line dance or waltz at the beginning of an evening's dancing serves as a sufficient warm-up. Alan agrees that a slow dance will help warm people up, but only for gentle dances of that nature. It will not prepare a dancer for livelier routines. A slow number is helpful when warming down at the end of an evening's dancing, however. In Alan's opinion, warming down is just as important as warming up. Slowing the heart down gradually after energetic exercise helps to dispel waste products produced in the blood by that exercise. This helps the recuperation of the muscles and thus reduces the likelihood of aches and pains the next day.

Alan warns against dancing too much, and points out that overuse injuries can occur in any sporting discipline. Knee injuries can be a problem for children, he suggests, as attachments are not at full strength in joints that are still growing and stretching. These attachments are prone to damage. Alan would recommend a day's recovery time between activities, although it depends on what, or how much, you're doing.

Line dancers can even work their own rest 'programme' into a weekend event like the Linedancer Awards. One of Alan's suggestions is to dance every other dance if the organisers are playing

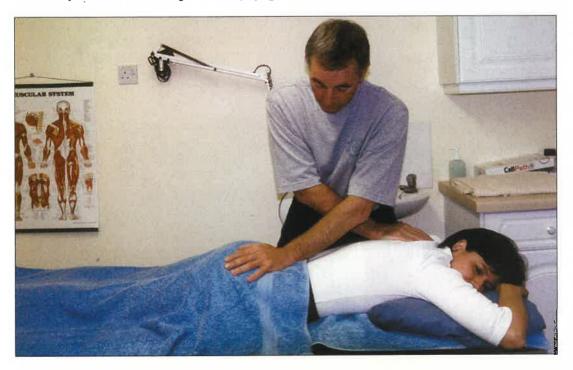
fast numbers. Dancers can step onto the floor more frequently for slow numbers, however. It is up to each individual as to how much dancing he or she should do but, as Alan said, "If you feel achy-breaky afterwards then you've overdone it!"

Preparation is not all stretching, strengthening and slow numbers. While people should go to line dance class and have fun, Alan would quiz an instructor as to what medical knowledge or help is available should someone be injured. Another area to look at, literally, is the dance floor. Is it a hard surface or is it sprung and forgiving to dancers' joints?

Even more important is a dancer's choice of footwear. Alan is shocked that, "some boots are so tight." Confining the foot will limit its range of movement over time as the surrounding muscle shortens, just as wearing high heels over a period of time will limit the mobility of the ankle. Alan suggests dancers choose their footwear carefully before stepping out. "I would be looking at something that was comfortable, supportive of your foot all the way round," said Alan. "Something that has ankle support and cushioning in the sole. It must have a nice broad fitting." A dance boot with a narrow tip will restrict the toes, especially the little toe, limiting balance and hence mobility. In Alan's opinion, it is clearly better to be sure-footed than off balance and footsore.

Alan, a sports enthusiast, recommends line dancing as good exercise and a fun, sociable hobby. And as a sports therapist, he adds that if people keep themselves fit, they can avoid injuries, and give themselves a sporting chance to dance.

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Andrew Vaughan reports from Nashville

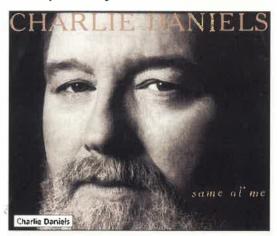
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Country Radio Seminar has been the biggest event in Nashville so far this year. Thousands of radio presenters and industry stalwarts descended on downtown Nashville to schmooze and check out what's hot for the upcoming year. Linedancer readers will be pleased to hear that their favourite female artist Scooter Lee made quite a splash at this year's event (her first time) and won herself an army of friends in the US. Outside of the lavish parties paid for by the dollar rich record labels there were some strange happenings in some of Nashville's cooler venues. Veteran Charlie 'Devil Went Down to Georgia' Daniels hosted several nights at the famed Tootsies and introduced a terrific girl duo, the Wades who play a revved up Nanci Griffith style. Talking of UK favourite Nanci, I ran into her at a movie screening and she's all a quiver at recording her next album at Abbey Road studios in London.

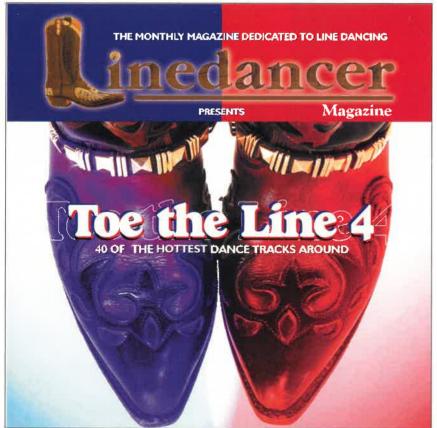
No doubt about the biggest act in music city right now, it's the Dixie Chicks. UK publicist Jeff Stothers took me to an exclusive Chicks party and the girls were in fine form cracking jokes and talking of taking on the world. Look out for them to visit the UK very soon. Music nuts and dancers alike will share in the good time real country of the Dixie Chicks to be sure.

Dancers in Nashville have been going crazy over a different style of dance just recently with the visit of

Riverdance. Step dance classes are popping up all over town. Maybe they'll translate some of the moves into the die-hard line dance clubs here like Cowboys and Silverado. Recent visitor to the UK Reba McEntire keeps getting more famous. She recently jetted off to Los Angeles to take part in a tribute to Hollywood legend Dustin Hoffman. Tip for the top SheDaisy, a girl trio on Lyric Street records with a smash uptempo single release 'Little Goodbyes', Word on the street is that they'll be as big as Shania.



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British Line Dance Championships (E

The competitive spirit broke out among British line dancers last October for the 3rd successive year when the British Line Dance Championships hit the hardwood, taking 22 Cities by stomp and storm. Martin Lister follows the progress of the 1998/99 competition so far and looks forward to the big day in North West London.

The road to Wembley is always a tough one. For line dancers it is no different. Across the seven individual divisions, split by age, experience and style, 138 proud dancers have qualified for the finals of the British Line Dance Championships, in addition to 10 adult and 9 junior teams. You can almost hear them chomping at the bit, eager to scuff their boots in the Arena on Saturday 15th May. This is the third year of Britain's most popular grassroots competition, which has gone from strength to strength with over a thousand dancers taking part across the country from Worthing to Glasgow.

One of the many attractions of the BLDC is the chance to share the floor with some of the UK's top dancers. For many the sad news filtered through that, due to a recurrence of the collapsed lung that he suffered earlier in 1998; Johnny Twostep had been advised by doctors that he should not attend the early heats. But the show still maintained its high standard with Alan "AC" Clarke taking on the role of MC, Steve Brain spinning the discs as DJ and the British Line Dancing Display Team producing some excellent routines to entertain the audience. But you cannot keep Johnny away for long. He judged at Brentwood, and he was back on the dance floor at Southampton, dancing King of the Road as he swept the floor with a broom! What a showman!

The Heats

In the two previous years, the competition was judged under the CWDC (UK) rules. But last October, just hours before the first heat, lightning struck - the CWDC (UK) rules had been shuffled to one side and competitors would not gain points towards the CWDC (UK) European Championships. Neil Smith, the Chief Judge, reassured competitors that just three basic rules would apply during the heats. The first two walls must be danced "Vanilla" as notated on the official step description sheet; any action that the judges regard as a danger to any competitors and any lewd or crude actions or costumes would be

Each of the Intermediate, Silver, Junior Teen, Junior and Beginner divisions attracted a very large number of entrants. The harsh reality of competition struck home as only the first three places at each venue were guaranteed entry to the Semi-Finals. To all the dancers not fortunate to progress to the next stage - get wiser and get even next time. Yes, competition, win or lose, really does improve your dancing!

The Renegade Division

Many seasoned competitors had expected to dance both in one of the individual dance divisions and also in the newly introduced Renegade division, where there is no set dance and the music is not released until the competitors hit the floor. Competitors were restricted to entering one division only, however. This led to a disappointing entry for the Renegade division at all the heats across the country, as most competitors preferred to enter the individual divisions. Tina Neale qualified for the Finals in Renegade at Leicester, but as has been the case at many venues she was the only entrant. She will have some strong competition from the other qualifiers, including the expressive Ros Brander-Stephenson. At Erith, the standard was very high with inspired Renegade performances from both Mark Cook and Frankie Cull, who was only just discouraged from using the stage as well as the floor. In all, 28 Finalists will take to the floor at Wembley with their ears highly tuned as they hear for the first time just 30 seconds of music before battle commences. This will be an exhibition of dancing not to be missed, when mayhem gives way to instant choreography.

The Semi-Finals

As 1999 dawned, the Semi-Finals got under way. Every competitor received newly formulated rules the complete set required just two sides of A4, covering dress code, ethics, scoring and team eligibility. Most of the six venues (Cheltenham, Carlisle, Leeds, Brentwood and Leicester. Southampton) were sell-outs, with supporters packing the halls to the rafters. As in previous years, only the more experienced intermediate dancers were





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separated by gender. At Leeds, reigning male Champion, Allan Hocking, and previous winner, Steve Dunn, secured their places in the final, but a new Ladies Champion will be crowned this year as Michele Etherington, winner for the past two years, did not enter. However, she is coaching 2 individual competitors as well as Rednecks and Roses - and all were placed first in their respective Semi-Finals.

It is always good to see competitors enjoying themselves. At Southampton, while the judges conferred, the competitors delighted the audience with an impromptu rendering of the chicken dance. Even the judges had some light hearted moments suggesting that some male contests were so close to call that the decision would be made by butt check.

This year, the teams division has been expanded to include a Youth division. The standard has risen exponentially since a year ago. The hours of dedicated practice has shone through to produce exciting finales at each venue. The vast variety of creative shapes and musical interpretation would not shame a top professional West End or Broadway musical.

Finals Day

Wembley Arena now awaits the finalists on 15th May 1999. The standard will be world class, with no less than 14 UCDWC 1999 World Champions performing and they're all British. The Dean Brothers, Scooter Lee (she's in the UK so often, she's almost British), The Rye Brothers, Appalusa and George Hamilton IV are billed to provide the live music entertainment. This year, two British choreographed dances have been chosen - "No Turning Back" by Alan Robinson and "Get Up and Dance" by Pam Pike. The Judges will be predominately British as well. Line dancing is one of the few sports where Brits are up there with the best in the world. It will be a day to hold the Union Flag high!



The British Line Dance Championships 1998/99 ~ The Finalists ~

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Intermediate - Female Lynn Avery Andrea Barber Jenna Barber Debbie Bono Yvonne Dunn Melanie Hadfield Erin Higgins Rachel Hope Helen Laudrum Maggie Lydon Tracey Mclaughlin Jennifer Stephenson Kirsty Swindail Liat Vinev Michelle Weller Nichola White Louise Woodcock Sam Young

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Dance with the Devils

Whoever said that teenagers can be difficult? Certainly not Darren Harvey, co-organiser of the Dancing Devils line dance team from Wales. His juniors enjoy practising, value teamwork and are the newly crowned CWDC European Junior Team Champions. These girls are Devils by name, but angels by nature. Linedancer's Jamie Pearson spoke to Darren and team members Leanne Mathews (17), Victoria Jones (13) and Hannah Northey (16).

The Dancing Devils club was formed two years ago and is based in Swansea and Neath. They meet four times a week, attracting dancers aged from ten to sixty. The club is run by Darren "Daz" Harvey and Leanne Mathews. Nicknamed "Daz", Darren was the inspiration for the club's name, as the younger Devils sometimes changed his nickname to "Taz", after the Tasmanian Devil cartoon character. It followed that "The Dancing Devils" was a popular choice among junior dancers when choosing a name.

Although the Devils run an adult team, it is the juniors, aged thirteen to seventeen, who have entered into the winning habit. The Devils' talented teens have been dancing together for almost a year, and the CWDC European Championships at Brean Sands in February was their breakthrough success. The juniors chose 'Addicted to Love' by Kimber Clayton as their musical choice for the competition. Darren believes the choice of music for a routine is vitally important: "We look for a funky beat because the kids seem to dance better to that. We also look for a lot of pause beats in the music and wordy description."

Leanne and Darren choreographed the routine, incorporating suggestions from the girls themselves. As an experienced competitor, Leanne knew that a routine with title-winning potential would not come together overnight. "We decided to take our time, and we worked on the routine for four or five months," she said. "After that, I got them together for a couple of hours each week to get the routine up to standard so that the hands and the positioning were all the same. Before every competition, I work with them for about five hours to ensure they don't forget anything when they're on the floor."

The girls worked hard in training, but this boosted their confidence at Brean Sands, as Hannah explained: "I thought we had a pretty good chance because I knew our team was really good and we practised so many times." But was there any danger of the routine becoming stale after rehearsing it over and over again? Hannah denied this was the case: "No, we all love practising! We really enjoy it!" Hannah laughed as she spoke, knowing how keen she sounded, but she was totally sincere.

And so the Devils put the old adage 'practice makes perfect' to the test at the CWDC European Championships. Europe's finest juniors were competing against the girls for victory. "It was a lot harder than the competitions they're used to. There were a lot of good teams," observed Darren. And although Hannah thought they were in with a chance, did that stop her from being nervous? "I was quite nervous, but I knew we'd done our best in practice. We'd done all we could."

The Devils overcame their nerves to produce one of the finest displays of the whole weekend. "We were on a high," recalled Hannah. "We knew we had a really good chance of winning because the crowd was amazing, and we thought we'd danced the best we've ever danced."

There was only one small drawback to the girls' performance. "We had a problem over the outfits, apparently," laughed Hannah. "I think you could see through the backs of our tops!" There was definitely nothing risque on show, however!

The girls were ecstatic when it was announced that If he Dancing Devils had won. "We were all screaming! We were really happy," recalled Victoria. This win was equally satisfying for Darren, no stranger to tournament success himself: "I get more pride through the team winning, nowadays. I prefer to train them, rather than do it myself anymore." After Brean sands, the Devils won the Porthcawl heat of the Welsh Championships on 13th March, and are now through to the Finals on 29th May.

So what is the secret of the Dancing Devils' success? "It's about teamwork," suggested Darren. "They all rely on each other and they all work together." As for the team itself, the girls just want to have fun. "We all really enjoy it so much and I think that comes across when we're dancing," enthused Hannah. "The key thing is to enjoy it."

For more information on The Dancing Devils, contact Darren on 01639 779892

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With Spring comes the stomping of young feet. Nowhere more so than at Southport, where junior dancers lined up to contest the Universal Cup 1999 Grand Final. Stephen Parry reports.

Southport's Floral Hall venue is located right on the seafront, and with the fairground just grinding back into life, this was the ideal venue for this year's Universal Cup for juniors, held on 27 and 28 March.

Tickets were sold out well in advance, as predicted in these very pages, and the restrictions on numbers ensured adequate seating and 'limbering up' room. In the main, the weather held and the start of the holiday season was a welcome bonus for the 600 lucky enough to gain entry for the weekend's action.

Entry numbers were high, with the qualifying rounds held on Saturday in order to begin the long process of getting down to just twelve competitors in each class for Sunday evening's finals. All soloists danced to the same music, and the judges concurred that the standard in all three categories was particularly high.

The competition was very well scheduled, with a good time gap between the heats. DJ Paul Farnell kept the dancing going, and there was certainly no shortage of workshops over the two days. Ronnie Fortt showed a new two wall, 128 step dance to 'Back in the Saddle' by Matraca Berg, while Ros Brander-Stephenson gave a workshop on Sunday afternoon, showing some new moves to 'Quando Quando' by Englebert. The enthusiasm was such that even those youngsters still in the competition couldn't resist taking part in these workshops between rounds.

With sixty-five qualifiers in the 7-10 age group, and the 11-15 entry approaching 150, the finals were very closely contested and nobody envied the judges. Canada's Peter Metelnick gave his eagerly awaited workshop on Sunday evening, taking the packed dancefloor through quicker and quicker routines, while the judges poured over the results. This canny piece of scheduling brought an ideal distraction from the tension that a lot of the competitors must have been feeling at the time.

In the 7-10 age category, Hannah Louise Robinson from South Wales took the trophy, pipping last year's winner, Sinead Magavigan, into second place. Grinning from ear to ear, she told me she had only been dancing for eleven months and this was by far her biggest competition win yet.

The 11-15 solo title went to Liverpool's Jodie Binsteed who added this achievement to her list of European, British and UK titles. "This is the first time I've entered the Universal, and I think it's a great, enjoyable event," said Jodie. There was a slight touch of melancholy, however, to her win as she pointed out: "I'll be too old for this age group next time round, so it's nice to go out on a high note." Not a bad consolation, I suppose!

The team final was saved till last, and this most visual and dynamic of classes was certainly a worthy climax, with an intriguing variety of costumes, choreography and ages right across the full 7-15 years range. Special mention however must go to the Kids In Line club from South Wales, who placed both their older and younger teams in the final ten. There were some strikingly original routines, but none more so than that of Wolverhampton's Dance Ranch



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The Universal Cup Junior Grand Final

Babes, who won the entire crowd over with their sassy routine, which consistently changed tempo.

Team manager, Charlotte, was ecstatic at the result: "We've choreographed, learned and rehearsed the whole routine in three weeks." she told me, as she tried to get her breath back after the presentation, "The choreography came from one of the sisters of the dancers, who is only fourteen herself." The piece switched from George Strait's 'I Just Want To Dance' to Cheap Seats' 'Something in the Water' before going into Kimber Clayton's 'Good Girls Love Bad Boys'. This routine was the hit of the competition, and while school commitments prevent them from attending the European finals, Charlotte's team is already hard at work on a new showstopper for the British.

Sunday night ended with dancing to a disco set with Paul Fernell once again at the decks. It was good to see parents, guests and competitors have only praise for the event's organisation. venue and above all, Eddie Romero, the genial MC. Eddie was a major factor in establishing the competition's good-natured spirit. As chief judge, Lyndon Foster put it: "Eddie's been a very popular host. He has a way of taking time with all the competitors and putting them at ease, keeping a merry and light-hearted approach throughout. He has also been involved in the organisation of the event from the word go."

This year's Universal was an exciting and entertainment packed event. With plenty of workshops, western stalls, comfortable surroundings and a seaside setting, the junior Universal may just have found its regular home.





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Results of Universal Cup 99 (Junior)

7-10 years solo

1st Hannah Robinson (Wales) 2nd Sinead McGavigan (Eire) 3rd Amy Maxwell (England) 4th Kelly John (Wales) 5th Justin Traynor (England) 6th Emily Williams (England)

11-15 years solo

1st Jodie Binsteed (England) 2nd Scot Bradley (England) 3rd Sara Gregory (Wales) 4th Bernadette Carmichael (England) 5th Kelly Ann Green (England) 6th Kylie Evans (Wales)

Junior Teams 7-15 years

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Ceredigion Championships

Dancers came from all over Wales for the first Ceredigion Line Dance Championships at Aberystwyth on 29 March. The event was a regional qualifier for the Welsh National Championship to be held on 29 May under the newly-formed Welsh Country and Western Dance Association.

On the stage judging and teaching were Cath and Dave Harrison of Tanglefoot in Bridgend; Chris Brocklesby of Wickedwest in Swansea, and Gill and Reg Knight of the Knight Stompers Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, Lampeter and Tregaron. Gill hosted, with Dave DJ'ing and Ray and Lynn Brocklesby of the WCWDA masterminding the paperwork.

In the workshops, Gill taught Free to Love, Love Me Like I Love You and Thunderhead, which she wrote for Gary Perkins' 'Free to Love' CD, reviewed in Linedancer last October. Dave taught Deal With It by John Robinson, dancing it to 'Dueling Banjos'. Wife Cath taught Believe by Nathan Easy, danced to Cher's hit. Chris taught Tough Enough which he had choreographed to 'When the Going Gets Tough' by Boyzone for Red Nose Day. In between was competition time and everyone from youngsters to grans took part. Ceredigion proved to have a lot of would-be choreographers - twenty in all. Unfortunately only three could qualify.

Gill is an avid fan of Gary Perkins and his band The Breeze and they provided the live music. He played a great version of 'Sea of Heartbreak' with everyone Rocking around, the Clock. A lovely 'Tropical Depression' for Jamaica Mistaka. His own composition 'Chase Me' made a lively Tush Push, an exciting version of 'Folsom Prison Blues' made a really good Just for Grins. The evening ended with Gary playing his guitar sitting on the front of the stage, surrounded by new and old fans.

Results (first place only):

Junior Division 4, Stephanie Jones (Machynlleth); Teen Div. 4, Lindsey Driver (Telford); Adult Div. 4, Debra Austin Morgan (Glamorgan); Silver Div. 4 Joint 1st Ellen Evans (Machynlleth) & Eluned Raison (Newtown); Junior Div. 3, Danielle King (Ammanford); Teen Div. 3, Gemma Harrison (Bridgend); Adult Div. 3, Angie Evans (Barmouth); Adult Div. 2, Stephanie Harris-Thomas. Adult Div. 1, Richard Williams (Barry); Renegade, Gemma Harrison (Bridgend); Choreography, Lindsey Driver (Telford); Junior Team, The Cherokee Stompers (Ammanford).

For more information on the WCWDA, contact Gill via telephone 01974 298 637 or e-mail Gill.Knight@btinternet.com.

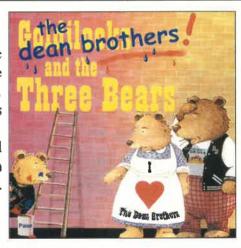


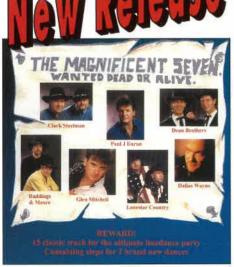


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Press Release

Due to John and Jim Dean being unhappy with the quality of the reproduction of 'The Dean Brothers and the Three Bears', the whole album has been re-mastered. It has also had the new dance mix 'Cry, Cry' added, with a dance by Peter Metelnick called 'Gimme a Beat' as demonstrated at the A Chance to Dance Easter festival at Harrogate. If you have already obtained the CD and would like the re-mastered album with the extra track please return your CD along with a payment of £2.00 to the address below or bring it along to a Dean's gig.





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Lisa Austin, who was in Paris recently on a private visit, is a real Southern Belle, complete with Southern accent! Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, she is the dance partner of Barry Durand, Usually seen being thrown around in the air, tossed and turned, and dropped and lifted in their spectacular and inventive cabaret routines, Lisa feels more at home in the air. than on earth.

A former gymnast and university cheer-leader, Lisa discovered Country Western dancing eight or so years ago. "I always liked the music, and I wanted to learn the two-step. My mother found a club with free lessons, and I've been dancing ever since!"

Lisa has never been one to stand still with her dancing. Within a year of first stepping on the dance floor, she was teaching lines, beginner twostep and West Coast Swing. She was then contacted by Barry who asked her to become his dance partner. "We got together one weekend and ended up competing the next one," she remembered, laughing.

Humour and laughter forms the basis of their partnership. "We have a real good time together," she continued. "We are both very creative and we work well together that way. It's a long distance partnership - about 700 miles! We have never fought. We know we have certain things to accomplish, so we take advantage of the time we have." They usually only find time to practise by arriving at events a day early or staying a day later. It is a sign of their professionalism that their results are so good.

Barry and Lisa do not compete on the Country circuit; instead, they perform original cabaret routines such as `The Wizard of Oz and `Butterfly Kisses', as well as teaching workshops. However, they are very active on the Swing competition circuit and have won several championships.

ma High Flyer By Maureen Jessop

Lisa enjoys teaching as much as performing, finding that the energy she gets back from the class gives her a 'high'. She finds it exciting to see people learning what she has taught. And while performing can be nerve-wracking beforehand, she appreciates an audience's feed-back, and the applause is wonderful.

The couple spend a lot of time travelling these days, and we find them more and more in Europe attending various championships. "We've been to Europe four times in '98," said Lisa. "We came over for the European Championships in Holland, the German Championships, the London Dance Classic and the Dutch Championships. And next year, we're coming to the French Championships!"

The rest of the year sees them travelling most weekends to the various Country and Swing events in the States. "Barry and I plan to continue to travel. There are places around the world we want to go to and show people what we do, sharing with them our love of dance. Barry has made a big effort here in Europe, in line and couples, and we want to continue that."

When she has time, Lisa also choreographs line dances. She has two videos out with six line dances each. "I designed them for teachers and I've included the step descriptions too. Each dance has, I hope, some new steps that'll be a bit different. You'll be learning not only new dances but also new steps to enlarge your repertoire."

Commenting on the fact that line dancing is so much bigger in Europe than in the States, where couples dancing predominates, she finds there is a cross-over occurring. Couples dancers are beginning to turn to lines, because they like what they are seeing. Over here, line dancers are starting to turn to couples dancing for the same reason. Lisa said: "What we don't want to have is a line dance snob or a couples dance snob!"

As a former gymnast, Lisa believes that a dancer should warm up before dancing and has a video on warming up and stretching to increase flexibility. Her series of videos also includes West Coast styling and syncopations.

For the last five years, Lisa has organised her own competitive event in Birmingham, Alabama, called

⁷ Christmas in Dixie'. Held in mid-December, it is the last event on the UCWDC calendar and is therefore considered by the American competitors to be the warm-up for the World's, which take place in January. "We have about 150 couples this year, and I have added showcase line dancing".

This little lady with a twinkling personality might spend a lot of her time up in the air, but she has her feet firmly on the ground. She advises newcomers just starting out in dance to: "Have fun! Don't get stressed out. You can not have everything at once, and basics have to be learnt. It's easy to worry about what you're going to do. Once your basics are down, it's easy to look good!" If you say so, Lisa!







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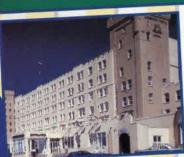
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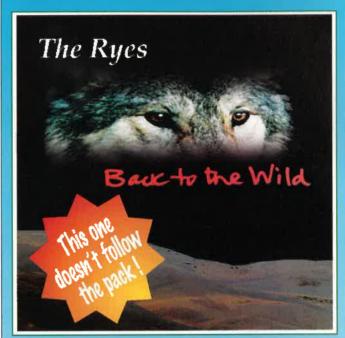
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What used to be boring is now the "cool and in thing" for those in high stress jobs. High blood pressure is no longer a threat for those who dance three to four times a week. Seniors and those not so senior are saying that their legs are working better since they started line dancing. Arthritis has become less painful to those who dance on a weekly basis. Laughter has always been the best medicine for those who are depressed and tired and you get lots of laughter when you are out trying to 5,6,7,8.

Dr. Wilson from Gainesville, GA said he treats three seniors over sixty-five who for years wouldn't exercise. Now they line dance three to four times a week doing what he has been asking them to do for years. Just exercise! Pat Morgan, a social worker in California, works with troubled teens in Sacramento and got them involved in line dancing to keep them out of trouble, and it worked. Now the kids look forward to the class every week and they are learning social skills on top of staying healthy.

Many venues in the USA have a family day on Sunday where they have hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. What it is doing is bringing families together for that quality time they never get. Moms are dancing with their children, dads are dancing alongside their children and even grandparents are joining in the act. They are talking to each other about dances they are doing and ones they want to learn. Most importantly they now talk to each other.

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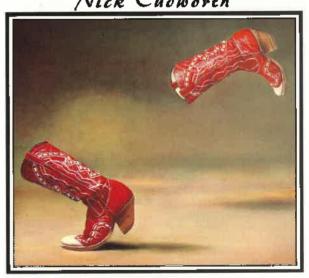
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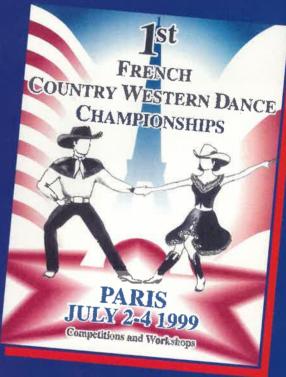
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The line dancing bug can bite deep, seeming - at times - to take over your life as you knew it. Some of us are selfdisciplined enough, or lead busy enough lives, to limit the number of classes or dances we attend. For others however. it becomes a nightly outing, part of the routine of each day; dressing up and moving to the music we all know and love. The 'seven nighters' are increasing in number, age not even entering into the equation. And that other life? The previous one we led? Pushed aside in favour of a compelling new side to an otherwise humdrum existence. A little severe, perhaps? For some of us, yes; but so very true for others.

It can affect our lives in other ways too. Changing sometimes the way we live, people we meet and friends that we make, it can even change the way we work, as one smitten fan relates. "Little did I know where it would all lead when I went along to my first line dance class," sighed Linda Bateman, now an old-hand dancer and teacher.

Linda, forty-something and a mother of two grown-up daughters, owns a successful newsagents/take-away in the large town of Aylesbury. Surrounded by food each hour of the day, the temptation sometimes proved too great, and the pounds piled on. In time, she made the positive decision to do something about it. Not wellknown for her love of exercise, Linda wanted more than just aerobics as a way of getting the heart pumping and her thighs slimmer. "I looked at a lot of different types of exercise but none seemed to hold my interest," the evermodest Linda stated. "I wanted something that I could really enjoy as well as losing weight."

Sitting back in her chair, leg crossed lazily over one knee. her American boots and slender, tight-fitting trousers bore testimony to the fact that it worked for her. In her embroidered shirt and 'stars & stripes' poncho, she looked every bit the American cowgirl. Slim, trim and just raring to get-up-and-move. Only a roll-up dangling from her lips could have completed the image.

To the strains of piped line dance music that Linda is never without (even at the newsagents), she related her feelings at that first class she attended just eighteen months ago. "Nervous didn't come into it - I was petrified!" She smiled

as she recalled the event. "But quickly, with the help of the music and the friendly moreexperienced members of the class, I settled in and the routines came easily."

She was smitten. Four times a week now, plus dances and teaching. Her hobby was growing as broad as her mischievous smile. "It held everything for me, all that I could have asked for. I just couldn't wait to go to the next class! I bought music tapes and practiced at home. It was as though all that I had searched for had been rolled-up into one hobby called line dancing and it had been designed especially for me."

Then the problem started - obtaining the essential clothing to complete her new-found interest. Nowhere in Aylesbury stocked anything remotely connected with line dancing and she found herself travelling as far afield as Bournemouth to get the items she needed.

"After the second or third trip to Bournemouth, I began thinking I'm not alone in having difficulty getting the outfits, others must be too!" Linda's tone became uncharacteristically serious for a moment. The idea fermented slowly, growing steadily as her and others' needs increased. Obtaining a small supply from a wholesaler, Linda began selling her wares at classes and dances. With sister-in-law Sue helping to run the newsagents, Linda has now opened her own shop specialising in the garb that adorns every well-heeled sole in a line dance class.

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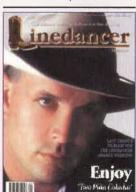
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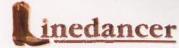
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RECOVERY TIME

I am writing to your magazine under the influence of pain killing drugs, muscle relaxing rubs and the distinct aroma of Elimans oil emanating from every room of my home. All this accompanied by an exhausted state of magical glee stuck to my face. Illegal drug abuse you ask? Not so. An overdose of fun-filled dancing weekends. Beginning earlier this year with the heat of Welsh National Championships with Dave Sheriff. Then on to Llandudno, a weekend with star studded bands coming at you from all sides. forgetting the superb Julie Lomez trying her hardest to teach us new dances, she worked her boots off weekend. Then Aberystwyth for the next heat of the Welsh Championships entertained by Gary Perkins and The Breeze. Excellent day, fab evening!

The Aberystwyth event was organised by Gill Knight, who almost turns herself inside out trying to please everyone. And so many thanks to Gill (and hubby Treasure), Chris Brocklesby - whose infectious smile never ceases to please and everyone else involved. I met up with old friends, made new friends and staggered home with smoking boots, aching joints, but my finger poised over the telephone to find out where the next event is. To you all, thank you and please keep up the hard work. We appreciate all you do. Angie, Barmouth

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE

Lam from Canada and have been line dancing for 7 years. have just seen your magazine for the first time. It's just great! I read a copy that Peter Metelnick brought back with him from the UK; Peter is an outstanding dancer and helpful too! I'm writing to ask how I can get your great magazine here in Canada. Also, it is just impossible to get any of the UK CDs over here. Please let me, and international readers like me, know what help is available. Thank you.

Mrs Wanda S Lively Ontario, Canada

Thank you for your letter, Wanda, International subscriptions to Linedancer cost £38 for Continental Europe and Eire, and £54 for the rest of the World. Payment can be made by credit card and sent to 'Linedancer Subscriptions' at the usual Linedancer address. Alternatively, subscription transactions can be made via our website www.linedancermagazine.com. As for obtaining CDs, one option is to contact our music advertisers and enquire whether they have the facility

WORKSHOP WONDER

to export CDs abroad.

I thought I would write to you about a wonderful workshop run at St John's Sports Centre Saturday 13th Worcester. Tina Neale was inspirational. Her enthusiasm and the was catching, enjoyment she gets from line dancing was very obvious. She taught three dances, one of which, 'Start your Car', she choreographed that had morning.

The most enjoyable part of the evening was the fun she injected into the teaching. She wanted us to "make some noise". Such a change from some of today's teachers and instructors. She was a natural, and her style and skill was all the more stunning given her youth. She also spent a lot of time talking with the children, giving encouragment and hints and tips. Even my daughter listened intently, which is quite unheard of! Thanks to all concerned for a great night. We shall definitely be going to other Tina Neale events in the future.

Marie and Sarah Rowlands

THANKS EDDIE

We should like to tell you about the great time we had at The Universal Cup on 27-28 March. Thanks to Eddie Romero who gave everyone a wonderful welcome. The competition well was organised and Eddie took the time and trouble to phone and get to know the competitors before the competition. We feel the competition was particularly fair because Eddie limited the numbers on the floor, even though it could fit more, and hence the judges had time to look at each individual dancer. The standard of dancing was high, and it was a great weekend overall. Nan and the gang, Wales

ARM MOVE GROOVES

This year was my first visit to the Linedancer Magazine Awards and all I can say is it was a truly enjoyable and well-organised event. A job well done, Betty. Thanks to you and everyone involved and see you all in 2000.

It's a pity we cannot have an Award for the best magazine

Also I would like to say thank you to Sheila and Clive Saxelby who hold line dancing classes in Gainsborough. They were guests and instructors at a private party I attended in November 1998 in Doncaster. Although I did not know many people at the party, I was made to feel very by everybody, wełcome especially Sheila, Clive and the linedancing guests. The instruction given was first class and most enjoyable. Thanks to everyone.

Any chance of more arm movements in the dances you choreographers? We dance our socks off but the older and less imaginative of we line dancers can never decide what to do with our arms. Any ideas?

Dizzy Di Onchan, Isle of Man

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DANCE EXCHANGE

I'm the dance teacher from the Fox Lake Country/Western Club in Belgium, and I'm writing to you because I'd like to get in touch with some line dance clubs over in England and exchange some dances. We could also visit one another's dance clubs. There is no need to worry about accommodation because we have people here who can put visitors up for a few days. I think it would be great fun to try and arrange this. I have also written to Canada, New Zealand, Ireland and other countries in an effort to contact line dancers worldwide. It was Helen O'Malley who sent me some copies of Linedancer magazine; so as you can see, the ball is already beginning to roll. Can you help?

Tina Drutti Daalbroekstraat 63 Maasmechelen 3630. Belgium

DIAMOND DISC

Help! Is there anyone out there who could help me find an old CD album called 'Denim and Diamonds'? would like to purchase one, and I have exhausted all the usual channels. My contact number is 01536 373252.

A Frayne, Brigstock

MYSTIC ROB

I read with interest your article regarding the Linedancer Awards weekend, especially the part that says, "the outcome remains secret until the big night."

Perhaps you could then explain how, on the back cover of the 1998 awards program, Rob Fowler openly boasts in his advert of being "UK Linedance Instructor of the year 1998" and "UK Choreographer of the year 1998"?

Either he's psychic or you've got a mole! Incidentally, the weekend was wonderful and what a triumph for Maggie Gallagher and her dance troupe. It was worth the 500mile round trip for that alone

Lesley Hawker "Toe the Line" Cranleigh Surrey.

Rob's advertisement referring to his win, which was presented in February 1998 covering 1997. As his

award this year was presented in February 1999, it was for 1998. He's not psychic nor do we have a mole but you do have a point: Rob's advert at that time should have referred to 1997!

CLASS ACT

I should like to say a very public congratulations to Joanna Lee for winning the European title in the Silver Division at Brean Sands last month. We have been able to share in her excitement as she re-capped the events of the weekend in detail and showed all her trophies. This title followed confirmation she was through to the Wembley Finals for the British Title and we'were able to see Joanna practising her routines at our weekly class in Herne Bay, Kent, run by Julianne's Julianne Sayer. class goes from strength to strength. Julianne's aim is for people to dance and enjoy themselves. She mixes techno with country and attends other venues - why everybody can't have the same attitude defeats me

So thanks to Jufianna for making line dancing so enjoyable and good luck Joanna as you start on the road to the Worlds.

Mrs Jan Coke Ramsgate, Kent

WEIGHT DEBATE

I feel I must write in agreement with 'A Fat Old Line Dancer' in the March issue regarding the way line dancing is going. Firstly I do not agree with what the younger girls said about these ladies being overweight. So what? It does not matter how heavy a person is, how tall or how short. It was just plain bad manners on the part of these young girls. The club I attend has one or two ladies and gentlemen who could be called overweight, me being one of them. Secondly, she is quite right in the fact that most clubs now cater for the few and not for the majority. A lot of people will dance to whatever music is played, giving the DJ (or whoever) the wrong impression of what people really like to dance to. It is a fact that today's line dancer will inevitably be dancing to more pop music. This is, I believe, to encourage more and more of the

younger generation to join the ranks of line dancers.

Fine - let them dance to pop. but don't forget the people who were there from the start. People who danced to Country and Western music and helped to make the clubs the friendly and popular places to visit that they are today. Some of the clubs would have folded if it was not for these people. same people who stuck it out when times were lean. People who joined because of the Country and Western music and not the pop, Irish, Scottish and Spanish music that is now starting to overtake Country and Western music. Music that made line dancing a great and fun thing to do.

If line dancing carries on in this vein. I and many others will leave line dancing. If I want pop music I can go to any pub and listen to it. If I wanted Spanish music I could always take a holiday in Spain. Like the fat old linedancer, I too now sit out most evenings because of the ever-increasing amount of other music being

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used. When I find a club that plays the traditional Country and Western music, I will extricate myself from a club that I love and join a strange club. Then I will have to make new friends all over again, and yes, I would miss my old friends.

Thanks for a great magazine Harry Hall, Mansfield, Notts

SENIORS GO SLOW

have been receiving Linedancer for about 2 1/2 years now and always look forward to the next issue. It just gets better and better. I was particularly impressed with the article by Scooter Lee, in the March issue, about seniors who line dance. I am a senior myself and have been teaching line dancing for about two years now. What Scooter says is true regarding older dancers being unable to cope with some of the faster dances. As a result of what Scooter said, I have decided to start classes for seniors shortly.

Derek Robinson Lancaster

"There has never been such a pastime, where people of all ages can have so much fun together"



WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN I recently overheard someone

saying that line dancing is. "on the way out!" I attend a great class in Harlow, Essex and I'm witnessing many new classes starting up all the time. Line dancing is not dying out here, it's only just beginning! Line dancing has extended the social lives of many people in this town and is creating a community within line dance circles. Socials are held on regular occasions, where several clubs come together and enjoy themselves. There has never been such a pastime, where people of all ages can have so much fun together. May I take this opportunity to thank Sharon from the 'Thorns and Roses' Line Dance Club for the fabulous weekend away in March at Clacton. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to the next one. Thank you Linedancer for the communication you provide nation-wide to keep line dancing the second most popular leisure pursuit in the country. (Who needs Bingo anyway?)

Tim Lane, Via E Mail

DANCE DELUGE

Frun line dancing classes in North Essex and have noticed a growing problem with the number of new dances coming out. An instructor has to decide which dances to teach - apart from the "mustdos" - which means that if students attend a social dance say, 20 miles away, they can find a lot of the dances in that area are new to them. We asked our class members to complete a questionnaire, and they all said they did not want to learn more than two new dances per session. In fact, several class members asked if we could go over some old dances that have "gone out of fashion", but which they still enjoy dancing. I know several people who have stopped line dancing because they felt the pressure to keep up to date and keep memorising new dances spoilt what was to them a pleasant way of socialising and keeping fit. I think we are in danger

of seeing a split between "social" dancers enthusiasts. Let's face it, many people can't attend a class more than once a week. We run three classes a week, but only about half our members can attend more than one class. I really feel that we will lose dancers unless the flood of new dances slows down. J P Taylor, Essex

STYLE COUNSEL

I am writing regarding the article 'Quantity or Quality', which was published in the March issue of the magazine. l attend a Western Line Dance class in North Lanarkshire. Scotland called the Floating Outfit, and I am very fortunate to have a first class instructor called Rose Gillespie, who keeps us up to date with new dances and also teaches the older ones that are still favourites. Rose also has a weekly class for those who wish to improve their dancing technique and to learn to dance with style. I have found knowing how to execute the steps correctly to be most beneficial. There are instructors out there who have thought about starting a style class I would suggest they do so as it is very rewarding to both the instructor and the dancers, knowing they are dancing better. Also a style class is not just for the young dancers or those who are interested in entering competitions. It is fun and beneficial to all dancers.

I hope that Dennis and Jackie Wills of Solihull will get a response from an instructor in their area and that in the near future instructors on tour will offer Style Workshops as part of their teaching project.

Marion Vance Motherwell. North Lanarkshire

TOURIST ASSIST

My wife and I recently went on holiday to Newquay at short notice. The hotel offered evening entert. ainment, which turned out to be mostly sequence and ballroom dancing, so we went off in search of the local line dancing vehues. Unfortunately, we didn't have a list of classes with us, and it proved to be quite a difficult task to find somewhere to dance. The tourist information office had very little to offer, and so it was left up to the local paper and shop window advertisements to provide us with the information we wanted. We eventually found what we were looking for, and I should like to take this opportunity to thank Tony and Margaret at Quintell Downs, Lillian and Tom of Silver Spurs Dancers, Pat and Gerry at St Dennis, and John and Joan of J C Dance Ranch for the wonderful warm welcome to their classes.

Now we are back home, I checked with our local tourist information office and found they lacked information on where to dance, so I am compiling a list of classes in and around York to give them. If any visiting dancers want to know what's available, they will hopefully have an easier time than I did. If anyone would like to send me details of classes around York, I would be only too happy to include this in my directory. Dave Storey, York

GREAT SCOTT!

We must comment on the recent March tour of Scott Blevins. What can we say, what a guy. We got to know him well on the last three days of his tour - he is funny, caring and a gentleman. After lady, hearing that one Margaret Preston, was taken ill and ended up in hospital, unable to attend two of his workshops which she had purchased tickets for, he took time out of his busy schedule to go and visit her. She was over the moon to see him, and her 'shiver 'n' shake's had gone the next day! Thanks Scott, hope to see you on your September tour.

Also thanks to Michelle Etherington who was a pleasure to watch dancing and spend time with.

Pauline & Stephen Lancashire

FUN WITH FRED

We are writing to tell you about our wonderful Sunday night line dance disco, and especially about our fabulous DJ called Fred. The dance is held at the Ex Working Mens club in Bristol. Fred Riddler is the DJ of Revival Disco, and there are eighty to ninety people of all ages who come from classes all over Bristol and surrounding areas. We all can't wait to go to Fred's on a

Sunday. Fred plays the first request at 8pm sharp and we all line dance till we drop. No one is alone or unhappy and Fred is the best thing that has happened to most of us in a long time. He plays requests for all levels of line dancers, and has a wonderful rapport with everyone. As soon as we know a new dance, he straight away gets the correct CD for the next Sunday so we can dance to it. He is a true professional.

Our Fred is always happy. His wife, Barbara, who is unwell at the moment, is always sat on the side with a smile; tapping her feet. Barbara helps put up the Country and Western flags in the dance hall. Fred reads Linedancer word by word, and he is celebrating his 60th birthday on the 11th May.

Happy 60th Fred! Fred's happy dancers Bristol

STYLE MATTERS

I receive Linedancer each month and enjoy reading it from cover to cover. I should like to reply to the letter in the March issue from Dennis and Jackie.

In my opinion, a style workshop is not an option. As the old song says, "you either got or you haven't got style". It's individual; it's not something that can be taught. Come on swank a bit, exaggerate your movements and use your body. Get out there and show them it's entirely up to you.

Good Luck from A Fellow Dancer Fareham, Hants

CARRY ON PEDRO

I just had to write and say thank you very much and congratulations on a superb Awards Weekend It was the best Blackpool. weekend event I've ever attended. My teacher, Liz Clarke, won two awards so I was obviously thrilled to tell my table mates that she was my teacher - well done Lizzie! I felt like a kid in a sweet shop, all the famous faces you see in your magazine were no longer images, they were real and they were dancing in my line. I was literally on cloud 9! I was disappointed when, after announcing Scotia Samba as best dance, we couldn't make it to the floor to dance it. We were right at

the back and thought we might just dance at our table which was near the bar. Our spirits were soon lifted, however, when none other than Pedro stood beside us and danced with us. Wow! In my opinion, he is the best dancer ever, a really nice guy and cute too! On Sunday when he, Jo Thompson, Rob Fowler, John Robinson, Alan Livett, Michelle Weller and Michelle Etherington were rehearsing for their finale in the conservatory, watched by twenty or so of us, Pedro kept us laughing with his jokes and carry on. He kept us dancing till 4am on Sunday morning till we were chucked out of the Norcalympia. Does he ever run out of energy? I have already booked for next

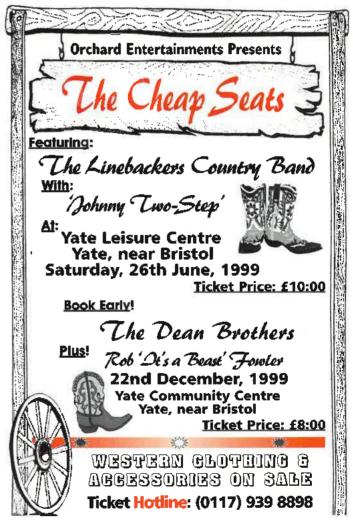
year's event as I was a late booking this year and had to stay in another hotel. It was okay, but trying to walk along Blackpool seafront at 4am in February is not easy, so next year I'm definitely staying in the Norbreck, I'm already counting the days.

Congratulations again and happy dancing. See you next year.

Tracy Macintosh, Larbert

BTL's LETTERS

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SCOOTER'S SO RIGHT

I really enjoy reading Scooter Lee's page as she is so right about a lot of things she says. This was especially true of her March column. She was spot on about her remarks on 'Seniors'. I am over 60 and go to three to four classes a week. I am eager to learn new dances, but can't manage some of the moves sometimes due to knee and leg problems. Hops, scoot backs and turn about jumps are especially difficult. And like Scooter said, it is frustrating with the fast dances as your feet won't move as quick as your brain tells you. The young can pick up dances so quickly without any effort and get praise from instructors. But an occasional 'well done' to us oldies would mean something.

I feel so proud of myself when I master something that seems difficult such as Dizzy. Titanic and Adam's Ale, but Cowboy Up and Dangerous are two I can't do. I wonder if there are others like me who find it difficult to walk, but once on the dance floor, find

all disabilities are forgotten as you get into the swing. I have been dancing for three years and have made some really nice friends. Some are a lot vounger than I am, but age has no barrier where line dancing is concerned and our social nights are a lot of fun. And as Margaret of Burtonon-Trent said, yes, it does beat flower arranging.

Here's hoping my legs will stand it for a good few more years yet.

Doreen, Nottingham

RIGHT TO REPLY

I would like to reply to Suzanne Pinder and George Thompson (April issue) who both read more into my letter than was intended. What they both seem to have forgotten is that my letter was in reply to Eileen Frater's in February's Linedancer. I did not deliberately ignore the junior teens, I was simply pointing out that whilst many categories only have one or two British competitors, the Advanced Open Adult categories were much larger and truly international. I referred to the Open Adults being the prime division not as my opinion but as a fact as stated in the UCWDC rules.

In reply to George, I would never dream of suggesting someone shouldn't compete because there are not enough entries, I have recently been in the same situation myself. Again I was replying to Eileen who pointed out that if someone happened to be in a category with no other entries, they could "buy" themselves a World title. I was only trying to suggest a way in which this could be avoided. dictionary definition of a Champion is someone who has defeated others in competition, therefore to suggest that you must beat somebody to become a World Champion doesn't seem unreasonable.

The fact that our country has so many champions understandably confuses the general public. If they see an event advertised with a World Champion present they would obviously expect to see someone of an exceedingly high standard. Therefore promoters should always

state the exact title of the person appearing, for example 1999 Worlds Line Dance Male Classic Junior Teen Newcomer Champion and not just World Champion. It may be a lot wordier, but at least people would have an idea of what age and standard to expect.

I hope this sorts things out, and if I've offended anyone else, then I apologise in advance.

Jenna Barber Exeter, Devon

WISH YOU WERE HERE We are writing to tell you

about line dancing over here in Jersey, as you never seem to get many letters from our little island. Our line dance teacher's name is Ricky Le Quesne, and he runs Rednecks with his wife Therese. He started three years ago in April 1996, on a Friday night at a place called La Move Bars. He teaches a couple of beginner dances. intermediate level between 8-9, then until 11.30 he runs a line dance disco. He does all the teaching and organises the music, and if we get stuck on a dance through the evening, he will come down onto the floor and go through it with us. Therese is kept busy behind the scenes with all the administration work. He has so much patience with everyone; nothing is too much trouble. He always likes people to go home knowing they have remembered the dances. We all have such great fun and we all enjoy it so much. Ricky has a full time job as a postman and still manages to learn the new dances himself, ready to teach us. He tries to keep up to date with all the dances being danced in the UK, which he gets from your great magazine, so that when we go to England on our line

Ricky and Therese have just finished organising their 3rd Line Dance Marathon in aid of Jersey Hospice. It was held on the 6th March at the Merton Hotel. It ran for 8 hours, and was attended by dancers from the UK and Guernsey. As if this wasn't enough, he held a line dance disco on the Friday night and the Sunday

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afternoon. Everyone involved had such a great time that we can't wait for next year's event on 3-5 March.

If any of your readers visit the Island it would be lovely to see them at Rednecks.

Janette, Alison, and Wendy St Helier, Jersey

CLASS WAR

agree wholeheartedly with American Ann from Warrington in the February issue. Instructors should not make us feel quilty for visiting neighbouring clubs, but rather welcome the feedback. as my instructor does.

If we see a dance that looks fun and our instructor is not out with us, we tell her and she organises it for the following week's lesson. which means we can dance the night away at most clubs in our area. A very good idea, recently adopted by some instructors, is to meet on a regular basis to announce their own social evenings, so as to avoid clashes with others. This means all dancers are told what's on every week and are encouraged to support other venues and make new friends. Surely that is what line dancing is all

Hopefully this open approach will benefit all of us who love to dance, and avoid the type of appalling spectacle witnessed recently by a group of us at a large social evening. An instructor was told by the host instructor of the evening that she was not welcome. her entrance money was not needed and she was to leave immediately! Not at all in the spirit of line dancing and a very bad example to any line dancing newcomers.

Finally, may I compliment you on your coverage of the recent Awards Weekend in Blackpool. I really felt I'd been there in person, enjoying all the fun you had there. Maybe next year, work permitting. Well done Linedancer team Janet Pollitt, Stafford

RIGHT OF WAY

Having read the letter from Derek Waugh in April's issue, I would like to make a few points. I agree that some line dancers are out of order when they don't let couples through, but if they were taught both line and couple dancing they would see both sides. Also if the instructors taught good dance floor etiquette, everyone would then be happy.

Like Marie and Tony (March issue), we travel to different clubs and I would love it if I could do more of the couples dances when I visit these clubs. Rightly or wrongly, the line dancer has allowed all clubs to do some of the same dances. Don't the couples have the same rights? We all pay our entrance fees so we all have the right to dance. Please let's all be friends, respect all on the floor and keep it country while having fun.

Freda Cleeve. Eastbourne, Sussex

CROSBY ON THE COAST

I am writing to see if anyone else has found Steve Crosby on the radio yet? Because I have! I thought we might get some letters in Between the Lines about his show. Let me be one of the first. In the Liverpool area, he is broadcast on Coast FM (96.3) on Sundays at 2-4pm. All I can suggest is 'don't miss it'! Good Luck with the show.

Steve

Don & Kris Bootle, Merseyside

KATE SAVES THE DAY

We attended the Butlins Somerwest World event at Minehead on the bank holiday weekend. The prospect of a fun weekend packed with line dancing, expert tuition and live groups was a little too much to resist. When we had arrived we noticed a serious lack of hats and boots, plus a distinct lack of dance information in the welcome pack. After asking some red coats later into the evening we discovered the weekend had been cancelled, but the Crazy Horse Pub would be holding line dancing through the succeeding days. The instructor turned out to be none other than Kickin' Kate. In conjunction with DJ Jazzy Joe, Kate managed to entertain a few despondent dancers, from forty or so people on the Friday to 200 plus on the Saturday. She did

a selection of beginner to intermediate level dances and managed to keep the floor pretty well full through her classes. Her new dance Spanish Eyes went down really well.

Kate was only booked for a two-hour stint each day but managed more than that. We can truly say we had a great time and even the nonline dance audience seemed to content to sit, watch, applaud and drink beer. We would like to extend our personal thanks to Kate and Jazzy Joe for turning what could have been a complete disaster into a fun and entertaining time. It was great for meeting new people and making good friends.

We will soon be leaving to work in the US, but hopefully we can keep up to date through Linedancer magazine. We will certainly keep in touch with all of the great friends we have made through line dancing.

Greg and Deirdre Lawrence Surrey



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This month sees the release of the long awaited 'Steppin Off The Page - Volume 3' containing all the updated dance scripts published between July 97 to December 97. It's a fantastic reference book with no less than 80 dances. Summer is just around the corner, which means it's time for budding choreographers to put their thinking caps on in preparation for this year's choreography competition. Don't send us anything at the moment, but watch for details in next month's edition

San Antone (The Birchwood Stroll) - page 71

Having been around for seven years this dance by John & Janette Sandham has become somewhat of a classic. John Sandham told us the dance was choreographed with very simple steps to introduce complete beginners to line dancing. The dance was named after Fort San Antone in Great Birchwood Country Park near Blackpool where John and wife Janette were teaching way back then. With The Most Awesome Line Dance Album Vol.3 featuring Tanya Tuckers San Antonio Stroll it's an ideal time for a revival.

29 Nights - page 76

Following their success with Menace and Paris 98 Michael John, Senior and Junior look set to have themselves another dance floor smash. 29 Nights danced to Danni Leigh's track of the same name has been sweeping the country with a little help from Michael's web site and Danni's excellent album.

Meanwhile - page 77

Always eagerly awaited, the new George Strait album is hitting our dance floors and the up tempo waltz Meanwhile has inspired Rob Fowler to choreograph a dance by the same name. The dance flows, sways and turns it's way through this beautiful song and is a sure fire hit.

Celtic Chaos - page 78

Some dances like Black Coffee take a whole 20 minutes to choreograph. Others such as Celtic Chaos can be months in the making, having steps changed, then music selected, steps altered, better music discovered and steps adjusted to fit the new track. The end result after nearly six months hard work is Celtic Chaos. The dance has been dedicated to Maire Duffy & Patrick Murphy of the Shannon Club, London and is choreographed to a fantastic remix of the track 'You're Still The One'.

Low Down Dirty Boogie - page 83

Last month we mentioned the increasing wave of Latin influences on our dancefloors and another style set to have our feet itching to get on the dance floor is Swing. Low Down Dirty Boogie is such a dance and choreographed to the Brian Setzer Orchestra's music it really does swing.





San Antone

(The Birchwood Stroll)



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Heel Splits, Stroll Forward, Kick.		
1 - 2	With weight on balls of feet split heels apart, Bring heels together.	Heel, Split.	On the spot
3 - 4	With weight on balls of feet split heels apart. Bring heels together.	Heel, Split.	
5 - 6	Step forward right. Step forward left.	Right. Left.	Forward
7 - 8	Step forward right. Kick left forward.	Right, Kick.	
Section 2	Stroll Back, Stomp, Grapevine Right with Kick.		
9 - 10	Step back left. Step back right.	Back, 2,	Back
11 - 12	Step back left. Stomp right beside left (weight remains on left).	3, Stomp.	
13 - 14	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
15 - 16	Step right to right side. Kick left forward.	Step. Kick.	
Section 3	Grapevine Left with Kick, Steps Forward with Kicks.		
17 = 18	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
19 - 20	Step left to left side. Kick right forward.	Step. Kick.	
21 - 22	Step forward right. Kick left forward, clap hands.	Step. Kick.	Forward
23 - 24	Step forward left. Kick right forward, clap hands.	Step. Kick.	
Section 4	Grapevine Right with 1/4 Turn Right.		
25 - 26	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
27 - 28	Step right 1/4 turn right. Stomp left beside right.	Turn. Stomp.	Turning right

Four Wall Line Dance: - 28 Counts. Beginner Level.

Choreographed by:- John & Janette Sandham (UK) 1992.

Choreographed to:- 'San Antonio Stroll' by Tanya Tucker (120 bpm) from The Most Awesome Line Dance Album 3.

Music Suggestions:- 'Is Anybody Goin' To San Antone' by The Texas Tornado's, 'The Cowboy Rides Away' by George Strait.



Redneck Rockin'



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Heel Twists.		
1 - 4	Twist heels - Right, Left, Right, Left.	Twist, 2, 3, 4	On the spot
5 - 8	Twist heels - Right, Left, Right, Left.	5, 6, 7, 8.	
Section 2	Chasse Right, Back Rock, Chasse Left, Back Rock.		
9 & 10	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
11 - 12	Rock back on left. Rock forward onto right.	Back Rock	On the spot
13 & 14	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	Left
15 - 16	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back Rock	On the spot
Section 3	Side Touches, Steps Together.		
17 - 18	Touch right to right side. Step right beside left.	Right. Together.	On the spot
19 - 20	Touch left to left side. Step left beside right.	Left Together.	
21 - 24	Repeat steps 17 - 20.		
Section 4	Heel & Toe Swivels Moving Right, Left Kicks Forward.		
25 - 26	Swivel heels right. Swivel toes right.	Heels. Toes.	Right
27 - 28	Swivel heels right. Swivel toes right.	Heels. Toes.	
29 - 30	Swivel heels right. Swivel toes right.	Heels. Toes.	
31 - 32	Kick left forward twice.	Kick. Kick.	On the spot
Section 5	Heel & Toe Swivels Moving Left, Right Kicks Forward.		
33 - 34	Step left beside right. Swivel toes left.	Step. Toes.	Left
35 - 36	Swivel heels left. Swivel toes left.	Heels, Toes.	
37 - 38	Swivel heels left. Swivel toes left.	Heels. Toes.	
39 - 40	Kick right forward twice.	Kick. Kick	On the spot
Section 6	Diagonal Step Back with Touches.		
41 - 42	Step diagonally back right Touch left beside right and clap.	Back, Touch,	Back
43 - 44	Step diagonally back left. Touch right beside left and clap.	Back, Touch.	
45 - 48	Repeat steps 41 - 44.		
Section 7	Grapevine Right with Touch, Grapevine Left with Touch.		
49 - 50	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
51 - 52	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right and clap.	Step. Touch.	
53 - 54	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
55 - 56	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left and clap.	Step. Touch.	
Section 8	Diagonal Step Forward, Touch, 1/4 Turn Left, Step Together.		
57 - 58	Step right diagonally forward right. Touch left beside right.	Forward, Touch.	Forward
59 - 60	Step left 1/4 turn left. Step right beside left.	Turn, Together.	Turning left

Four Wall Line Dance: - 60 Counts. Beginner/Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Lyn Yost (USA).

Choreographed to:- 'Redneck Rhythm and Blues' by Brooks & Dunn.



After Midnight



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STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTIO
Section 1	Steps Forward, Toe Touches Forward & Back with Hips Bumps, x 2.		
1 - 2	Step forward right. Step forward left.	Right. Left.	Forward
3	Touch right toe forward pushing hips to right.	Forward	On the spot
&	Push hips left with weight back on left.	&	
4	Touch right toe back pushing hips to right.	Back	
&	Push hips left taking weight on left.	&	
5 - 8 &	Repeat steps 1 - 4 & of this section.		
Note:	Steps 3 & 4 & and 7 & 8 & can be replaced with rock steps.		
Section 2	Shuffle Back, Coaster Step, Touch & Hips Bumps, Heel Ball Change.		
9	Step diagonally back right.	Back	Back
& 10	Close left beside right. Step diagonally back right.	Shuffle	
11 & 12	Step back left. Step right beside left. Step forward left.	Coaster Step	On the spot
3 & 14 &	Touch right toe forward, bumping hips - Right, Left, Right, Left.	Bump & Bump &	
Note:	Weight remains on left.		
15 & 16	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Heel Ball Change	
Section 3	Right Triple, Rock Step 1/4 Turn Left, x 2.		
17 & 18	Triple step slightly forward, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Right Triple	Forward
19 & 20	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right. Step left 1/4 turn left.	Rock & Turn	Turning left
21 & 22	Triple step slightly forward, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Right Triple	Forward
23 & 24	Rock forward on left. Rock back onto right. Step left 1/4 turn left.	Rock & Turn	Turning left
Note:	The triple steps in this section should have some hip action but not move far.		
Section 4	Syncopated Toe Touches & Side Rock.		
25 &	Touch right toe to right side. Touch right toe beside left.	Side &	On the spot
26 &	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left.	Heel &	
27 & 28	Rock to left side on left. Rock in place onto right. Step left beside right.	Rock & Step	
29 &	Touch right toe to right side. Touch right toe beside left.	Side &	
30 &	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left.	Heel &	
31 & 32	Rock to left side on left. Rock in place onto right. Step left beside right.	Rock & Step	

Two Wall Line Dance:- 32 Counts, Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Judy McDonald (Can)

Choreographed by:- 'Walkin' After Midnight' by The Groove Grass Boyz from Groove Grass 101.



29 Nights



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Cross Rock, Triple 1/4 Turn, Cross Rock, Triple 1/2 Turn.		
1 - 2	Cross rock right over left. Rock back onto left.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
3 & 4	Triple step 1/4 turn right, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Triple Turn	Turning right
5 - 6	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
7 & 8	Triple step 1/2 turn left, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Turn	Turning left
Section 2	Heel & Toe, Right Toe Touches, Cross Behind, Side, Right Toe Touches.		
9 - 10	Touch right heel forward. Touch right toe back.	Heel. Toe.	On the spot
11	Touch right toe to right side.	Out	
& 12	Touch right toe beside left. Touch right toe to right side.	In Out	
13 - 14	Cross step right behind left. Step left to left side.	Behind. Side.	Left
15	Touch right toe beside left.	In	On the spot
& 16	Touch right toe to right side. Touch right toe beside left.	Out In	
Section 3	Side, Cross, Chasse 1/4 Turn Right, Cross Rock, Triple 3/4 Turn.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side. Cross step left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
19 & 20	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right 1/4 turn right.	Side Close Turn	Turning right
21 - 22	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
23 & 24	Triple step 3/4 turn left, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Triple Turn	Turning left
Section 4	Crossing Toe Struts Forward with Finger Clicks.		
25 - 26	Cross step right toe forward across left. Drop heel taking weight.	Right. Strut.	Forward
27 - 28	Cross step left toe forward across right. Drop heel taking weight.	Left. Strut.	
29 - 32	Repeat steps 25-28 of this section.		
Note:	Click fingers of both hands at shoulder height when dropping heels.		
Section 5	Cross Rock, Shuffle 1/2 Turn, Left Shuffle Forward, Shuffle 1/2 Turn.		
33 - 34	Cross rock right over left. Rock back onto left.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
35 & 36	Shuffle step 1/2 turn right, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Shuffle Turn	Turning right
37 & 38	Step forward left. Close right beside left, Step forward left,	Shuffle Step	Forward
39 & 40	Shuffle step 1/2 turn left, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Shuffle Turn	Turning left
Section 6	Back Rock, Step, Scuff.		
41 - 42	Rock back on left. Rock forward onto right,	Back. Rock.	On the spot
43 - 44	Step forward left. Scuff right forward beside left.	Step. Scuff.	

Four Wall Line Dance: - 44 Counts. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Michael John Snr. & Michael John Jnr. (UK) Jan 99.

Choreographed to:- '29 Nights' by Danni Leigh (112bpm).

Music Suggestions:- 'Duefling Banjos' by Daily Planet (142bpm) from Fever 7,

'Please Release Me' by Englebert Humperdinck (130bpm) from The Dance Mix Album.



Meanwhile

			George Strai
STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Cross, Side Step, Behind, 1/4 Turn Right, 1/4 Turn Rock Step.		
1 - 2	Cross step left over right angling body right. Step right to right side.	Cross. Side.	Right
3 - 4	Cross left behind right. Step right 1/4 turn right,	Behind. Turn	Turning right
5	On ball of right turn 1/4 turn right rocking left to left side.	Side	
6	Rock onto right in place.	Rock	
Section 2	Left & Right Crossing Twinkle Steps.		
7	Cross step left over right angling body to right diagonal.	Cross	Right
8	Step right beside left, facing forward.	2	On the spot
9	Step left in place, angling body to left diagonal.	3	
10	Cross step right over left angling body to left diagonal.	Cross	Left
11	Step left beside right, facing forward.	2	On the spot
12	Step right in place angling body to right diagonal.	3	
Section 3	Cross, Side Step, Behind, 1/4 Turn Right, 1/4 Turn Rock Step.		
13 - 18	Repeat steps 1 - 6 of Section 1.		
Section 4	Left & Right Crossing Twinkle Steps.		
19 - 24	Repeat steps 7 - 12 of Section 2.		
Note:	At end of this section face forward		
Section 5	Forward Steps, 3/4 Turn Left, Side Slide Left, Touch.		
25 - 26	Step forward left. Step forward right.	Forward, Step.	Forward
27	On ball of right pivot 3/4 turn left, feet will end crossed left over right.	Turn	Turning left
Note:	Weight should remain on right foot after 3/4 turn.		
28	Step left long step to left side.	Left	Left
29 - 30	Slide right beside left. Touch right beside left.	Slide, Touch.	
Section 6	1/4 Turn Right, Step, 3/4 Turn Right, Side Slide Right, Touch.		
31 - 32	Step right 1/4 turn right. Step forward left.	Turn. Step.	Turning right
33	On ball of left pivot 3/4 turn right, feet will end crossed right over left.	Turn	
Note:	Weight should remain on left foot after 3/4 turn.		
34	Step right long step to right side.	Right	Right
35 - 36	Slide left beside right. Touch left beside right.	Slide. Touch.	
Section 7	1/2 Turning Twinkle, Basic Back Twinkle.		
37 - 38	Step forward left. Make 1/2 turn left on left, stepping back right.	Left. Turn.	Turning left
39	Step left beside right.	Together	
40 - 42	Step back right. Step left beside right. Step in place right.	Back, 2, 3.	Back
Section 8	1/2 Turning Twinkle, Basic Back Twinkle.	= -	
43 - 48	Repeat steps 37 - 42 of Section 7.		1

Four Wall Line Dance: - 48 Count Waltz. Intermediate Level.

Choreographed by:- Rob Fowler (UK) Feb 99.

Choreographed to:- 'Meanwhile' by George Strait (125 bpm) from Always Never The Same album or any med fast waltz.



Celtic Chaos



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Walk Forward, Full Turn Back, Step Back, Touch.		
1 - 4	Walk forward - Right, Left, Right. Kick forward left.	Forward, 2 3, Kick	Forward
5	On ball of right pivot 1/2 turn left, stepping forward left.	Turn	Turning left
6	On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn left, stepping back right.	Turn	n
7 - 8	Step back left. Touch right beside left.	Back, Touch.	Back
Section 2	Kick Ball Touch with Right & Left, Cross, Unwind 1/2 Turn, Left Shuffle		
9 & 10	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Touch left to left side.	Kick Ball Touch	On the spot
11 & 12	Kick left forward Step left beside right. Touch right to right side.	Kick Ball Touch	
13 - 14	Cross right behind left. Unwind 1/2 turn right (weight ends on right).	Behind, Unwind.	Turning right
15 & 16	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Section 3	Step, 1/2 Pivot, Shuffle Forward, leading Right & Left.		
17 - 18	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
19 & 20	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
21 - 22	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
23 & 24	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
Section 4	Kick, Cross, 1/2 Turn Left, Heel Ball Cross, Kick, Cross, 1/2 Turn Right.		
25 - 26	Kick right to right diagonal. Cross right over left.	Kick. Cross.	On the spot
27	Unwind 1/2 turn left (weight ends on right).	Unwind	Turning left
28 & 29	Touch left heel forward. Step left slightly back left. Cross right over left.	Heel & Cross	Left
30 - 32	Kick left to left diagonal. Cross left over right. Unwind 1/2 turn right.	Kick. Cross. Unwind	Turning right
Section 5	Hip Bumps, Chasse Right, Cross Behind, Full Turn, Side, Touch.		
33 & 34	Bump hips - Left, Right, Left.	Hips, 2, 3.	On the spot
35 & 36	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
37 - 38	Cross left behind right. Unwind full turn left (weight ends on left).	Behind, Unwind.	Turning left
39 - 40	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Side. Touch.	Right
Section 6	Side, Cross Behind, Chasse Left, Cross Behind, Full Turn, Side, Touch.		
41 - 42	Step left to left side. Cross step right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
43 & 44	Step left to left side. Close right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	
45 - 46	Cross right behind left. Unwind full turn right.	Behind, Unwind.	Turning right
47 - 48	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Side. Touch.	Left
Section 7	Turning Shuffle, 1/4 Pivots Right x 2, Left Shuffle Forward.		
49 & 50	Pivot 1/4 turn right and shuffle forward, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Turn Shuffle	Turning right
51 - 52	Step forward left. Pivot 1/4 turn right.	Step. Turn.	
53 - 54	Step forward left. Pivot 1/4 turn right.	Step. Turn.	
55 & 56	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Shuffle Step	Forward
Section 8	Heel Switches, Hold, Shimmy Forward & Back.		
57 &	Touch right heel forward. Step right beside left.	Right &	On the spot
58 &	Touch left heel forward. Step left beside right.	Left &	
59 - 60	Touch right heel forward. Hold.	Right, Hold.	
61 - 62	Step right beside left and shimmy shoulder leaning forward.	Forward Shake	
63 - 64	Shimmy shoulders leaning slightly back.	Back Shake	

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

Choreographed by:- Helen O'Malley (Eire) Dec 98.

Choreographed to:- 'You're Still The One' remix from Country Hits Dance Party (128bpm).

Music Suggestion:- 'You Look So Good' by Barry Upton (teach), 'Burning Love' by Travis Tritt.



XLR8

		Peter Metelnic	
STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTIO
Section 1	Vine Right with Touch, Side Left, Touch, 1/2 Monterey Turn.		
1 - 2	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
3 - 4	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Step. Touch.	
5 - 6	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left & clap.	Side. Touch.	Left
7	Touch right to right side.	Out	On the spot
8	On ball of left pivot 1/2 turn right stepping right beside left.	Turn	Turning righ
Section 2	Vine Left, Dwight Swivels Right.		
9 - 11	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left. Step left to left side.	Step Behind Step	Left
12	Swivel left heel to right, touching right toes to left instep.	Heel	Right
13	Swivel left toes to right, touching right heel to left instep.	Toe	72
14	Swivel left heel to right, touching right toes to left instep.	Heel	
15	Swivel left toes to right, touching right heel to left instep.	Toe	
16	Swivel left heel to right, touching right toes to left instep.	Heel	
Section 3	Vine Right with 1/4 Turn Hitch, Step, Slide, Step, Hitch 1/2 Turn.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
19 - 20	Step right 1/4 turn right. Hitch left knee.	Turn, Hitch.	Turning righ
21 - 22	Step forward left. Step right beside left.	Step, Slide.	Forward
23 - 24	Step left forward. Hitch right knee, turning 1/2 turn left on ball of left.	Step. Turn.	Turning left
Section 4	Stomps & Fans with Right & Left.		
25 - 26	Stomp right forward. Fan right toes right.	Right, 2,	Forward
27 - 28	Bring right toes to place. Hold & clap.	3, clap.	
29 - 30	Stomp left forward. Fan left toes left.	Left, 2,	
31 - 32	Bring left toes to place. Hold & clap.	3, clap.	
Section 5	Heel Steps Forward, Steps Back (XLR8).		
33 - 34	Step forward on right heel. Step together with left heel.	Heel. Heel.	Forward
35 - 36	Step slightly back on right. Step left beside right.	Back. Back.	Back
37 - 40	Repeat steps 33 - 36.		
Section 6	Chaos!		
41 - 42	Cross step right over left. Step left to left side angling body right.	Cross. Side.	Left
43 - 44	Step right to right and slightly back. Cross step left over right.	Step. Cross	Right
45	Step right to right side turning body to face front.	Side	
46	Step in place on left, angling body left.	Step	
47	Pivot to complete 1/2 turn left, stepping right to right side.	Turn	Turning left
48	Step left in place (weight ends on left).	Step	
Section 7	Weave Right, Side Step, Step Together, Cross & Hold.		
49 - 50	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step Behind.	Right
51 - 52	Step right to right side. Cross step left over right.	Step. Cross.	
53 - 54	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side. Together.	
55 - 56	Cross step right over left. Hold.	Cross. Hold.	On the spor
Section 8	Weave Left, Side Step, Step Together, Cross & Hold.		
57 - 58	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step, Behind.	Left
59 - 60	Step left to left side. Cross step right over left.	Step. Cross.	
61 - 62	Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Side. Together.	
63 - 64	Cross step left over right. Hold.	Cross. Hold.	On the spot

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

Choreographed by:- Peter Metelnick (Can) Jan 99.

Choreographed to:- 'Rough Around The Edges' by Travis Tritt from No Looking Over My Shoulder album.

Music Suggestion:- 'You've Taken Me Places I Wish I've Never Been' by Heather Myles (Teach).





Honky Tonk Town



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Right Kick Ball Change x 2, Right Shuffle Forward, 1/2 Pivot Right.		
1 & 2	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
3 & 4	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	
5 & 6	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
7 - 8	Step forward left. Pivot 1/2 turn right.	Step. Pivot.	Turning right
Section 2	Left Kick Ball Change x 2, Left Shuffle Forward, 1/2 Plvot Left.		
9 & 10	Kick left forward. Step left beside right. Step right in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
11 & 12	Kick left forward. Step left beside right. Step right in place.	Kick Ball Change	
13 & 14	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	Forward
15 - 16	Step forward right. Pivot 1/2 turn left.	Step. Pivot.	Turning left
Section 3	Syncopated Vine Right with Scuff, Cross, Scuff, Cross, Unwind 1/2 Turn Right.		
17 - 18	Step right to right side. Cross left behind right.	Step. Behind.	Right
19 & 20	Step right to right side. Cross left over right. Scuff right heel forward.	Side & Scuff	1119/11
21 - 22	Cross step right over left. Scuff left heel forward.	Cross. Scuff.	On the spot
23 - 24	Cross left over right. Unwind 1/2 turn right.	Cross. Unwind.	Turning right
Section 4	Chasse Right, Cross Rock, Chasse Left, Cross Rock.		
25 & 26	Step right to right side. Close left beside right. Step right to right side.	Side Close Side	Right
27 - 28	Cross rock left over right. Rock back onto right.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
29 & 30	Step left to left side. Step right beside left. Step left to left side.	Side Close Side	Left
31 - 32	Cross rock right over left. Rock back onto left.	Cross. Rock.	On the spot
Section 5	Back Rock, 1/2 Turn Left, Cross, Hold, Extended Cross Shuffle Right.		
33 - 34	Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Back, Rock,	On the spot
&	On ball of left turn 1/2 turn left, stepping back right.	Turn	Turning left
35 - 36	Cross step left over right. Hold.	Cross. Hold.	On the spot
& 37	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	& Cross	Right
& 38	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	& Cross	
& 39	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	& Cross	
& 40	Step right to right side. Cross left over right.	& Cross	
Section 6	Brush, Cross, Heel Jack, Right & Left Triple Steps.		
41 - 42	Brush right toes forward. Cross step right over left.	Brush, Cross.	On the spot
& 43	Step left diagonally back left. Touch right heel diagonally forward right.	& Heel	
& 44	Step right to place. Step left beside right.	& Step	
45 & 46	Triple step in place, stepping - Right, Left, Right.	Right Triple	
47 & 48	Triple step in place, stepping - Left, Right, Left.	Left Triple	
Section 7	Right Kick Ball Change, 1/4 Turn Left, Sailor Steps x 2.		
49 & 50	Kick right forward. Step right beside left. Step left in place.	Kick Ball Change	On the spot
51 - 52	Step forward right. Pivot 1/4 turn left.	Step. Turn.	Turning left
53 & 54	Cross right behind left. Step left to left side. Step right to place.	Sailor Step	On the spot
55 & 56	Cross left behind right. Step right to right side. Step left to place.	Sailor Step	l de
Section 8	Right Kick Ball Change, 1/4 Turn Left, Sailor Steps x 2.		
57 - 64	Repeat steps 49 - 56 of Section 7.		

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

Choreographed by:- Ann Napier (UK) Jan 99.

Choreographed to:- 'Playin Every Honky Tonk In Town' by Heather Myles from Highways and Honky Tonks.



Low Down Dirty Boogie



STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTIO
Section 1	Right Toe Touches, Side, Close, Side, Touch.		
1 - 2	Touch right toe to right side. Touch right toe beside left.	Side. Together.	On the spot
3 - 4	Touch right toe to right side. Touch right toe beside left.	Side. Together.	
5 - 6	Step right to right side. Step left beside right.	Side. Close.	Right
7 - 8	Step right to right side. Touch left beside right.	Side. Touch.	
Section 2	Left Toe Touches, Side, Close, Side, Touch.		
9 - 10	Touch left toe to left side. Touch left toe beside right.	Side. Together.	On the spot
11 - 12	Touch left toe to left side. Touch left toe beside right.	Side. Together.	
13 - 14	Step left to left side. Step right beside left.	Side. Close.	Left
15 - 16	Step left to left side. Touch right beside left.	Side. Touch.	
Section 3	Right & Left Shuffles Forward, Boogie Walk with 1/4 Turn Left.		
17 & 18	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
19 & 20	Step forward left. Close right beside left. Step forward left.	Left Shuffle	
21	Angling body slightly right, step ball of right forward.	Right	
22	On ball of right angle body left, stepping left forward, beginning 1/4 turn	Left	Turning left
23	Angling body slightly right, stepping ball of right forward.	Right	
24	On ball of right angle body left completing 1/4 turn left, step left forward	Left	Turning left
Note:	Steps 21 - 24 swivel on balls of feet to complete one 1/4 turn left.		
Section 4	Right & Left Shuffles Forward, Boogie Walk with 1/4 Turn Left		
25 - 32	Repeat steps 17 - 24 of Section 3.		
Section 5	Diagonal Heel Touch and Ramble Right x 2.		
33	Touch right heel diagonally forward, and swivel left toes to right.	Touch	Right
34	Bring feet together swivelling both heels to right.	Heels	
35 - 36	Swivel toes to right. Swivel heels to right.	Toes. Heels.	
37 - 40	Repeat steps 33 - 36 of this section.		
Section 6	Vine Left with 1/4 Turn & 1/4 Turn Brush, 1/2 Turn Left, Side, Stomp.		
41 - 42	Step left to left side. Cross right behind left.	Step. Behind.	Left
43 - 44	Step left 1/4 to left. Brush right forward.	Turn. Brush.	Turning left
45	On ball of left pivot 1/4 turn left, stepping right to right side.	Turn	
46	Brush left back making 1/2 turn left on ball of right.	Brush	
47 - 48	Step left to left side. Stomp right beside left (weight remains on left).	Side. Stomp.	Left

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

Choreographed by:- Jennifer Paisley-Smith (USA).

Choreographed to:- 'Dirty Boogie' by Brian Setzer Orchestra.

Music Suggestions:- 'Honky Tonk Song' by BR5-49, 'You're The Boss' by Brian Setzer Orchestra (teach).



Cha Cha Loco

(Cha Cha Crazy)

	(Cha Cha Crazy)	1	Pedro, Jo & Alan
STEPS	ACTUAL FOOTWORK	CALLING SUGGESTION	DIRECTION
Section 1	Side, Back Rock, Right Shuffle, Step, 1/2 Turn, Kick, Crossing Shuffle.		
1 - 3	Step left to left side. Rock back on right. Rock forward onto left.	Side. Back. Rock.	Left
4 & 5	Step forward right. Close left beside right. Step forward right.	Right Shuffle	Forward
6	Step forward left.	Step	
&	On ball of left turn 1/2 turn left hooking right foot across left shin.	&	Turning left
7	Kick forward right.	Kick	On the spot
8 & 1	Cross right over left. Step left to left side. Cross right over left.	Cross Step Cross	Left
Section 2	Point, Flick, Cross Step Together x2, 1/2 Turn Left Ball Change.		
2	Point left toe to left side angling body to left diagonal.	Point	On the spot
3	Flick left foot up bending left knee, angling body to right diagonal.	Flick	
4	Cross step left over right.	Cross	Right
& 5	Step right slightly to right side. Step left beside right angling body left.	& Together	
6	Cross step right over left.	Cross	Left
& 7	Step left slightly to left side. Step right beside left angling body right.	& Together	
8	Facing front, step forward left starting furn left.	Left	Forward
&	On ball of left complete 1/2 turn left, stepping right behind left heel.	Turn	Turning left
1	Step left in place.	Step	On the spot
Section 3	Kick Ball Touch, Body Moves Down & Up, x 2 with 1/2 Turn Right.		
2 & 3	Kick forward right. Step right beside left. Touch ball of left foot forward.	Kick Ball. Touch	On the spot
&	Contract chest, shoulders forward.	&	
4	Bend knees, arch chest with shoulders and buttocks back.	Down	
&	Contract chest, shoulder forward.	&	
5	Straighten legs, arch chest, with shoulders and buttocks back.	Up	
&	Making 1/2 turn right step left beside right.	&	Turning right
6 & 7	Repeat steps 2 & 3 of this section.		On the spot
&8&1	Repeat steps & 4 & 5 of this section.		
Note:	The move in steps & 4 & 5 is helped by placing hands on thighs.		
Section 4	Syncopated Toe & Heel Jacks, Ronde 1/4 Turn Left, Chasse Left.		
& 2	Step forward on left. Touch right beside left with left knee popped.	& Touch	On the spot
& 3	Step back right. Touch left heel forward.	& Heel	
8485	Repeat steps & 2 & 3 of this section.		
6	Step left 1/4 turn left, sweeping right toe around to right side.	Turn	Turning left
7	Slide right to step beside left.	Together	
8 &	Step left to left side. Close right beside left.	Side Close	Left
Note:	The final two steps of this section when followed by count 1 of the dance create a chasse left.		

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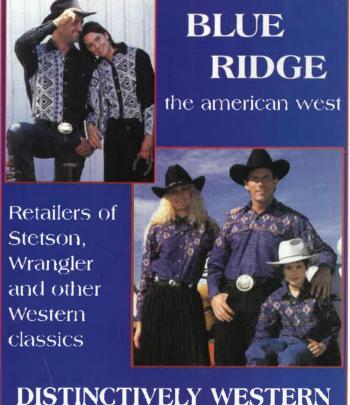


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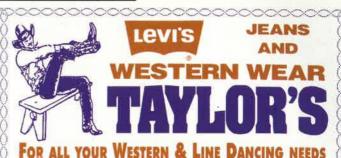
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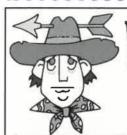
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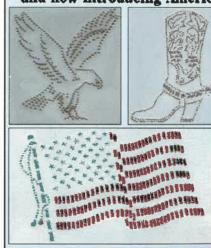
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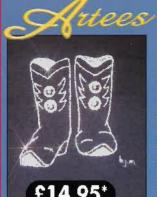
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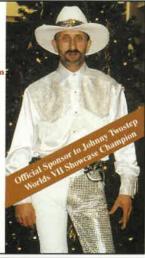
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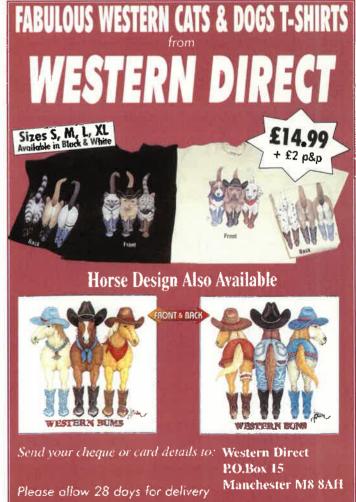
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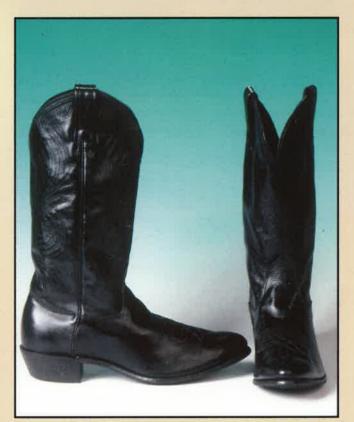
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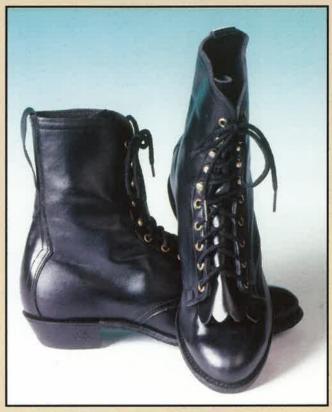
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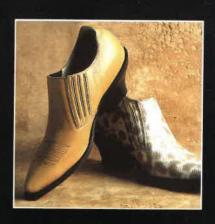
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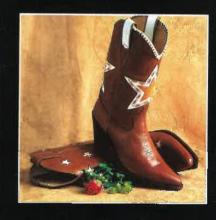
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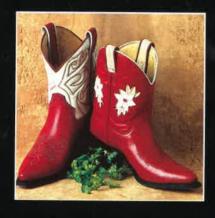
















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