

ANSSRDT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014



DATE OF OUR NEXT MEETING: September 27, 2014

LOCATION: E. H. Horne School in Enfield. Off Highway 102 take exit 7 going towards the Irving Big Stop on old Route 2. The school is a large brick building on the left opposite the cemetery.

SCHEDULE:

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Strategy and Choreography for Flexibility in New Dancer Start Times

In attempting to provide flexibility in entrance times for new dancers, we are faced with the need for several variations on the choreography used for club events where there are one or more first time attendees. The traditional procedure has been to make progress through the Basic Program with new dancers who arrive at the first dance of the season and continue to attend regularly. Those dancers expect and deserve to see some new choreography taught during each evening they attend.

The modern challenge is that we would like to be able to accommodate new dancers who make their first appearance at the second, third or subsequent dances. Ideally the caller is prepared to provide a successful evening of dancing for these new recruits, and also provide new choreography for those who have been dancing for awhile.

One way to do this is to develop several variations of First Night Dance material. It is possible to call an evening of dancing using alternative small lists of calls instead of those at the beginning of the standard teaching order. Here are some suggested lists of calls that could be used in this way along with suggested Singing Call ideas. Most of these singing call figures have corner progression and some also show an option with no partner change.

Using this kind of material assumes that there will be some dance events without brand new dancers. During those dances the caller would fill in the vocabulary gaps of the late arrivals and simultaneously provide review and drill time for the other dancers.

Here is the minimal list of core calls that we are assuming will be taught for each dance:

Core Calls are: Circles, Arm Turns, Promenade and perhaps Swing

Event A Calls: Forward and Back, Dosado, Stars, Grand Right and Left

Possible Singing Calls:

Dosado:	Stars:
Head Ladies Dosado, Side Ladies Dosado	Heads Forward and Back
Head Gents Dosado, Side Gents Dosado	Heads Make a Right Hand Star to your corner
Circle Left, Arm Turn corner by the left	Turn corner by the Left, Partners Dosado,
Hold on and Promenade (or back to Partner)	Partner Promenade (no progression)
Promenade Halfway:	Arm Turns:
Heads Promenade Halfway	Heads turn your opposite by the right arm
Heads Down the middle & Opposites Dosado	Turn your corner by the left arm
(Sides do the same if there is enough time)	Partners Dosado
All Face Partner, Grand Right and Left	Sides turn your opposite by the right arm
Turn Partner Right, With Corner Promenade	Turn your corner by the left arm
(or Partner Promenade)	Hold on and Promenade (or back to Partner)

Event B Calls: Pass Thru, Separate, Split 2, U-Turn Back, Rollaway Possible Singing Calls:

Pass Thru and Separate around 2 to Line:	Pass Thru and Separate around 1 to Line:
Heads Pass Thru, Separate around 2 to a line	Heads Pass Thru and U-Turn Back,
Forward and Back, Pass Thru, U-Turn Back	Heads Pass Thru, Separate around 1 to Line
Forward and Back, Pass Thru,	Forward and Back,
Swing Corner and Promenade	Circle Left, Turn new corner by the left
(or Left Arm Turn, back to partner Promenade)	Come back and Promenade
Split Two:	Rollaway, Pass Thru, Separate around 1:
Split Two: Head Ladies Pass Thru and U-Turn Back	Rollaway, Pass Thru, Separate around 1: Heads Forward and Back and Rollaway
Head Ladies Pass Thru and U-Turn Back	Heads Forward and Back and Rollaway
Head Ladies Pass Thru and U-Turn Back Sides Circle Left 3/4 and Pass Thru	Heads Forward and Back and Rollaway Heads Pass Thru, Separate around 1 to Line
Head Ladies Pass Thru and U-Turn Back Sides Circle Left 3/4 and Pass Thru Split Two, Separate around 1 to a Line	Heads Forward and Back and Rollaway Heads Pass Thru, Separate around 1 to Line Forward and Back, All Pass Thru, U-Turn Back

Event C Calls: Ladies Chain, Lead Right, Veer Left, Chain Down Line, Girls In Men Sashay Possible Singing Calls:

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Ladies Chain, Ladies In, Men Sashay:	Lead Right, Each Four Circle 3/4 to a Line:
Head Ladies Chain across	Heads Lead Right, Each 4 Circle Left 3/4
Side Ladies Chain across	Lines (facing Head walls) go Forward and Back
All Four Ladies Chain back	Two Ladies Chain across
Circle Left, Ladies In Men Sashay	Two Ladies Chain Back (into a Promenade)
Turn new corner by the Left, Promenade	Or Circle Left, Swing Corner, Promenade
Lead Left:	Lead Right, Veer Left, Chain Down the Line:
Head Ladies Chain	Heads Circle Left Half around and back away
Heads Lead Left, Each 4 Circle Right 3/4	Sides Lead Right and Veer Left
Lines (facing Head walls) go Forward and Back	Ladies Chain Down the Line
Two Ladies Chain across into Promenade	Same two Ladies Chain Across
	All 8 Circle Left, Swing Corner, Promenade

Event D Calls: Right & Left Thru, Star Thru, California Twirl, Dive Thru, Double Pass Thru Possible Singing Calls:

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Right and Left Thru:	Star Thru, Double Pass Thru:
Heads Promenade Halfway	Heads Star Thru, Double Pass Thru
Down the middle Right and Left Thru	Leaders California Twirl, Star Thru
Sides Promenade Halfway	Lines go Forward and Back
Down the middle Right and Left Thru (Home)	Right and Left Thru
Circle Left,	All Circle Left, new corner Allemande Left
Turn Corner left, hold on, Promenade	Promenade
California Twirl, Dive Thru:	Star Thru and California Twirl, Dive Thru:
Heads Circle Left 1/4 and California Twirl	Heads Star Thru and California Twirl
Centers Arch, Dive Thru, Double Pass Thru	Centers Arch, Dive Thru
Leaders California Twirl, Each 4 Circle Left 1/4	Double Pass Thru
Lines (facing Head walls) go Forward and Back	Leaders California Twirl (Zero Box)
All Circle Left, Take Corner and Promenade	Swing Corner, Promenade

Event E Calls: Lead Right, Swing Thru, Centers Run, Bend the Line (2-Fc), Alamo

Possible Singing Calls:	
Alamo Break:	Centers Swing Thru: (No progression)
Circle Left	Heads Promenade 3/4, Sides Swing Thru,
Allemande Left in Alamo Style and Balance	Centers Run Bend the Line and Back Away
Alamo Swing Thru, Alamo Swing Thru	Sides Promenade 3/4, Heads Swing Thru,
Swing Partner and Promenade	Centers Run, Bend the Line, Back Away, Home
Swing Thru Twice:	Swing Thru, Boys Run, Bend the Line:
Head Ladies crossover and stand by opposite	Heads Lead Right, Step to a Wave
Sides Lead Right, Step to a Wave	Swing Thru, Centers Run, Bend the Line
Swing Thru, Swing Thru again,	Forward and Back
Swing Corner and Promenade	All Eight Circle Left,
	Swing Corner and Promenade

Event F Calls: Pass Thru, Flutterwheel, Reverse Flutterwheel, Sweep 1/4 Ressible Singing Calls:

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Flutterwheel: (or use Men lead Rev. Flutter)	Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4: (or Rev. F.)
Head Lady lead Flutterwheel	Heads Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4
Side Lady lead Flutterwheel	Centers Pass Thru
All Four Ladies lead Flutterwheel	Each Four Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4
Forward and Back	Lines Forward and Back
Swing Corner (or Partner), Promenade	Pass Thru, Swing Corner, and Promenade
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Flutterwheel and Reverse Flutterwheel:	Flutterwheels: (No progression)
Flutterwheel and Reverse Flutterwheel: Heads Circle Left 3/4 and Pass Thru	Flutterwheels: (No progression) Heads Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4
Heads Circle Left 3/4 and Pass Thru	Heads Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4
Heads Circle Left 3/4 and Pass Thru Flutterwheel,	Heads Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4 Centers Pass Thru
Heads Circle Left 3/4 and Pass Thru Flutterwheel, Reverse Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4,	Heads Flutterwheel and Sweep 1/4 Centers Pass Thru All Pass Thru, Outsides Promenade 3/4

Slide Right Couples Facing Couples Contra Figures:

Claps are knees twice, own hands twice, opposite 3 times

Slide Right means each couple moves to their right into the position of the couple who was on their right. Couples at the ends of the line move around the end.

Odd Number of Couples: If there are an odd number of couples, place the extra couple at the end to Slide Right and into action on the next figure.

Event A:	Event B
Opposite Claps; Partner Claps;	Opposite Claps; Partner Claps;
Each Four Star Right;	Pass Thru and U-Turn Back;
Each Four Star Left;	Pass Thru and U-Turn Back;
Circle Left; Circle Right;	Circle Left; Circle Right;
Slide Right; Forward and Back;	Slide Right; Forward and Back;
Event C:	Event D:
Opposite Claps; Partner Claps;	Opposite Claps; Partner Claps;
Two Ladies Chain across;	Right and Left Thru across;
Two Ladies Chain back;	Right and Left Thru again;
Circle Left; Circle Right;	Circle Left; Circle Right;
Slide Right; Forward and Back;	Slide Right; Forward and Back;
Event E:	Event F:
Opposite Claps; Partner Claps;	Opposite Claps; Partner Claps;
Each Four Circle Left 1/4 and Make a Wave;	Ladies lead Flutterwheel;
Swing Thru, Boys Run and Bend the Line;	Gents lead Reverse the Flutterwheel;
Circle Left; Circle Right;	Circle Left halfway; Circle Right;
Slide Right; Forward and Back;	Slide Right; Forward and Back;

Kiwi Ring (Scottish Country Dance Mixer from New Zealand) Music: Lloyd Shaw E-40, "Kiwi Ring" (special 80 count jig) Set Up: Big Circle of dancers with partners and all facing center.

16 beats: Circle Left for 8 beats; Circle Right for 8 beats;

16 beats: Ladies around the Gents in a figure eight -- move in front of partner then around behind back to original spot; then in front of corner and around behind back to original spot again;

16 beats: Gents around the Ladies in a figure eight (same description);;

(End facing partner, gents facing counterclockwise, ladies facing clockwise.)

16 beats: Clap your own hands twice and Stamp twice, then Right-hand pull by partner; Clap and stamp again, then Left-hand pull by the next;

16 beats: Again Clap, Stamp and Right Pull By; and fourth time Clap, Stamp, Left Pull By;

If not using the special 80 count music, omit the last 16 beats.

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