

31 Remembering George

A 32-bar Reel for 3 couples in a 4-couple longwise set



- 1-4 1st and 2nd couple set and dance right hands across halfway.
- 5-6 2nd and 1st couples set.
- 7-8 2nd couple cross left hand whilst,
1st couple turn left hand to face their first corners.

- 9-12 1st couple set to and turn first corners right hand using skip change of step to finish facing second corners.
- 13-16 1st couple set to and turn second corners right hand using skip change of step passing right shoulder to finish on own side in second position. All face clockwise.

- 17-20 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples chase clockwise halfway.
- 21-24 3rd and 2nd couple facing across dance rights and lefts halfway whilst, the 1st couple turn right hand once and half to flow in to a circle.

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

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Tune: Goodnight and Joy be wi' Ye A'

(Recommended recording: Davy Nick-Nack, Highlander Music Volume 11 Roy Hendrie and his Scottish Dance Band)

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The late George Valentine Bateson (1934-2022) and his three brothers plus others including George's wife Alison founded the Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club in 1952. This dance was first danced in Alison's garden in Aldbury in 2024. (Photo of George taken on 23 January 2018)

Garden Version

- 13-16 1st couple set to and turn second corners right hand using skip change of step passing right shoulder to finish on opposite side in second position. All face clockwise.

- 17-20 2nd, 1st and 3rd couples chase clockwise halfway.
- 21-24 3rd and 2nd couple facing across dance rights and lefts halfway whilst, the 1st couple turn right hand once to flow in to a circle.

Please add to extra info.

When dancing this in a garden, if ground damp then to minimise slipping adopt this variation:

Baes 13-16 1C set to 2nd corner and finish in 2nd place opposite side.

Bars 17-20 As before.

Bars 21-24 1C turn right once round.