The Speyside Reel

Highland Medley for two men and four ladies who stand three and three, facing as in Fig. 1.

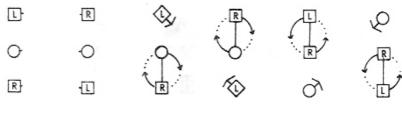


Fig. 1 Fig. 2 Fig. 3

Strathspey

- 1-8 Reels of three to begin, men give right shoulders to righthand partners.
- 9-16 Men turn right-hand partners by the right 2½ times, 8 travelling steps, while left-hand ladies face each other and set with \sim

Highland step, e.g. Glasgow Highlanders Step with the turn (see Fig.2).

- 17-24 Left- and right-hand ladies turn each other by the left hand $2\frac{1}{2}$ times, while the two men face each other and set, e.g. with Rocking Step (See Fig.3).
- 25-32 Men and left-hand ladies turn by the right hand 2½ times, while right- hand ladies face each other and set, e.g. with Double Toe-Off.
- 33-40 All dance six hands round to the left and back again, opening into straight lines (ladies have changed ends).
- 41-48 All set, three facing three, e.g. with Hesitation Step.

Reel

- 1-8 Reels of three: to begin, men give right shoulders to ladies on their right (their original left-hand partners).
- 9-16 Right-hand ladies (now on the left) set to each other, using a Highland step, while men and left-hand ladies swing with right arm, then left, as in The Reel of Tulloch, to change places.
- 17-24 Men set to each other with a Highland step, while their partners do Tulloch swings to change places.
- 25-32 Left-hand ladies set to each other with a Highland step, while men and right-hand ladies do Tulloch swings to change places. All are now back in their original places.
- 33-40 Reels of three: to begin, men give right shoulders to left-hand ladies.
- 41-48 All set, three facing three, using a Highland step.

Adapted from a Threesome Reel devised (1958) by Mr and Mrs L Kemp, Stockton-on-Tees (formerly of Aberdeen).

Music: Jimmy Shand's Foursome Reel (3 Strathspey and 3 Reel) is suitable for this dance.

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