

THE EIGHT MEN OF MOIDART continued

BARS

11-12 All turn to partner and, joining both hands turn with 4 pas de Basque steps.

13-14 1st couple set to each other and cast off one place on own side of dance.

15-16 1st couple giving both hands turn each other with 4 pas de basque.

Dance is repeated with 1st couple in 2nd place.

EIGHTSOME REEL

Tune: A variety of good reels. Time: 4/4

This is a round reel for 4 couples. It is better to treat it when dancing as a square dance, and always stand in the square formation when not dancing. A good plan is to change the tune each time a new dancer goes into the middle.

BARS

1-8 All four couples make a circle and dance 8 slip steps round to the left and 8 back again.

9-12 The 4 ladies keeping hands joined with partner give right hands across to make a wheel and dance 4 skip change of step round.

13-16 Ladies drop hands and men, still holding partners' hands, swing them out and give their left hands across in the wheel. They dance round for 4 skip change of step and finish in own places facing partners.

17-24 All set to partner twice, join both hands and turn once round--4 pas de basque. Finish a little way apart facing partner.

25-40 All couples dance Grand Chain beginning by giving right hand to partner. 16 skip change of step. 2 steps to each hand-giving.

41-48 1st lady goes into the middle and dances 8 pas de basque, or any reel setting step, while the 7 other dancers make a circle and dance 8 slip steps round to the left and 8 back.

49-56 1st lady sets to and turns her partner with both hands, then sets to and turns the opposite man--3rd man. 8 pas de basque.

57-64 1st lady dances reel of three with these two men. She begins the reel by giving left shoulder to her own partner.
Repeat bars 41-64 1st lady dancing this time with 2nd and 4th men.
Repeat bars 41-64 until all the ladies and all the men have had their turn in the middle.

The dance is finished by a repeat of the first 40 bars.

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A couple dance done in a circle, moving counter-clockwise.

Starting Position: Couple standing side by side with the gent holding the left hand of the lady with his left, (allamande position), rt behind the ladies shoulder holding her rt. hand at head level.