

## SILVER THISTLES

Original dance and music written by Ned Gault, part of the "New Trios" Project.

Music: CD, *Gaults at Statewide 2004*, "Silver Thistles"

Formation: Trio (W-M-W)-facing-trio around the circle. H's joined at shoulder height in two facing lines.

Basic Steps: Basic Step (Strathspey Step)\*, Strathspey Setting Step\*

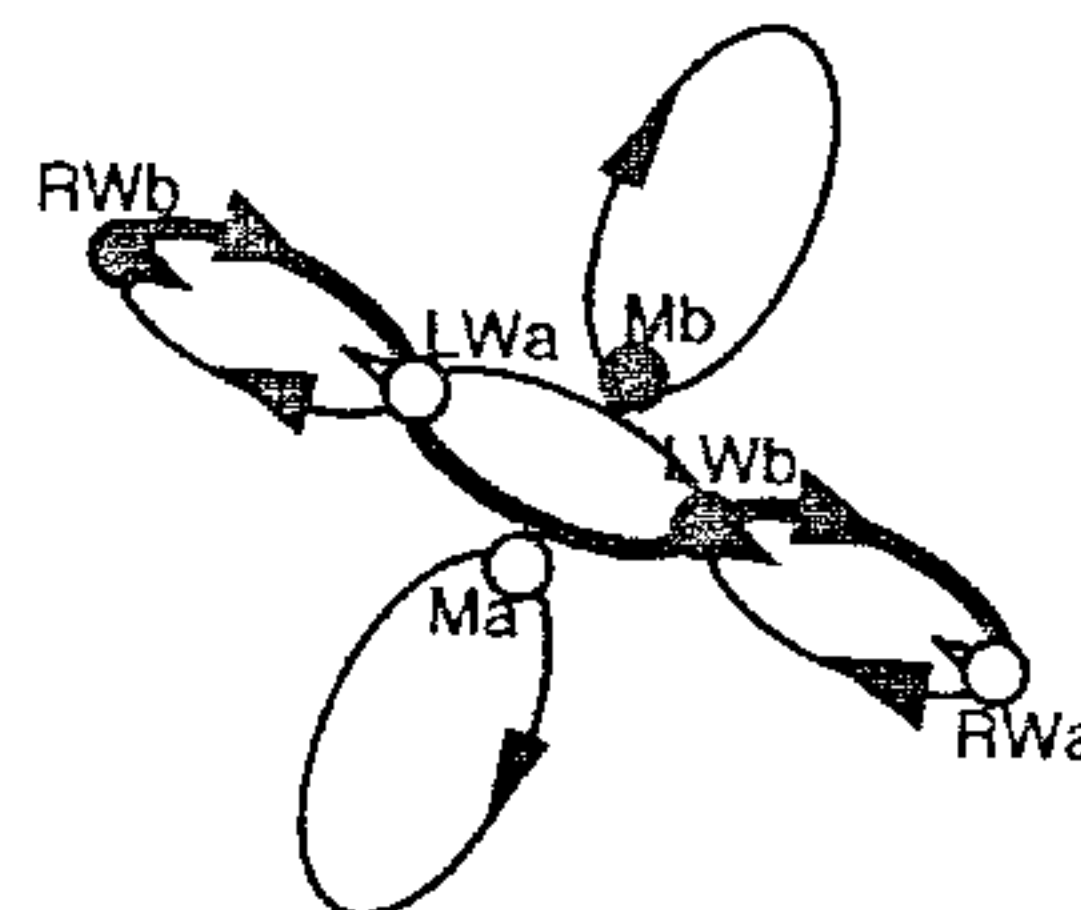
4/4 meas

### INTRODUCTION

Chord Bows and Curtsies to facing set.

#### I. Set in Lines, RH Star, Set, LH Star

- 1,2 In two facing lines, Set to R, then L
- 3,4 M RH turn once around with RW (2 basic steps)
- 5,6 In two facing lines, Set to R, then L
- 7,8 M LH turn with LW, about 3/4, ending with LW in center, facing opposite RW (2 basic steps).

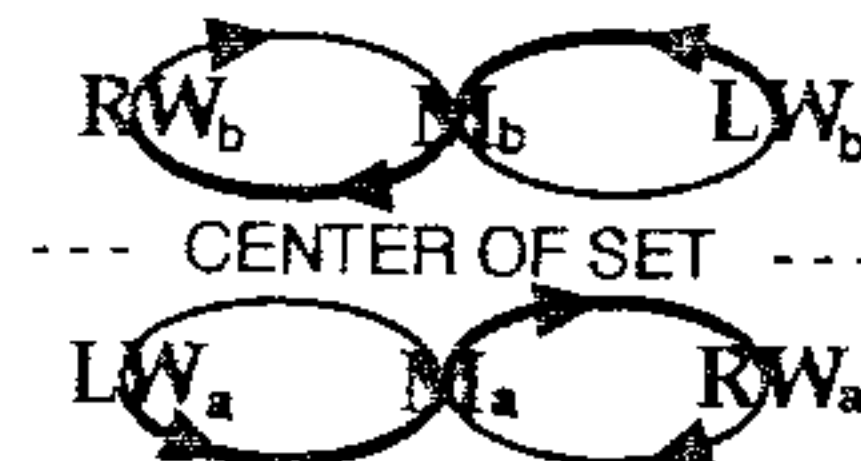


#### II. W Reel of Four/ M Loop

- 1-8 4 W do Reel of Four – the two inside W (the two LW) take LH's on meas 4 and on meas 8 with the men passing through the reel. At same time, M make a small CW loop (3 basics), then join in LH star to pass through the middle to the opposite side on the 4th basic. Repeat the loop on the other side and the LH star on the 8th basic, to original places.

#### III. Reels of Three in Own Lines

- 1-8 Reels of Three, beginning M passing R shoulder with his own RW (8 basics).



#### IV. Do-Sa-Do Opposite. Circle L Half way

- 1-4 R shoulder Do-Sa-Do with opposite person.
- 5-7 All join H's in circle of 6. Circle L half way around (3 basics).
- 8 Release H's and all turn to R (CW) 1/2 way around. Rejoin line, facing original direction, but facing a new group. (Note: the W have changed ends for the repeat of the dance.)

Dance goes through four times.

Chord – Bows and Curtsies to facing set at end.

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