

## The Northern Meeting

32 bar Strathspey : 3 couples

Music : The Northern Meeting - Capt. Simon Fraser - Lowe's Collection Book.6th.

1-4 First and second couples advance and retire then, giving right hands, cross over to change sides.

5-8 Repeat bars 1-4 but cross back giving left hands. First man and second woman finish facing each other.

(9-16) **First and second couples dance the BIRL (also known as the Bourrel)**

9-12 First man and second woman set to each other, approaching, then turn three-quarters round with both hands. They release hands and each pivots right about on bar 12 to finish back to back, first man facing down and second woman up. **At the same time** first woman and second man dance counter-clockwise round first man and second woman to finish facing partner. (see figures 1 & 2 for *The Expert Dancer*).

13-16 First and second couples set to partner then turn with both hands to finish on own sides, having changed places.

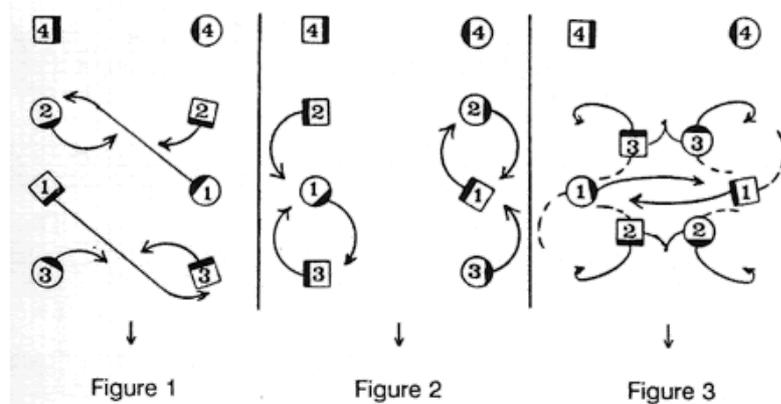
17-18 First couple cross over to change sides, first man to join hands with second and third women, first woman with second and third men.

19-20 Second, first and third couples dance six hands round, then

21-22 each man, releasing left hand, turns the woman behind him once round with both hands, opening out at the end to rejoin hands in a circle.

23-24 They continue six hands round to finish, first couple on own sides in second place, second and third couples on opposite sides in each other's place i.e. all finish half round from where they started at bar 19.

25-27 First man, cutting through the middle and giving left shoulder to second man to begin, dances a half reel of three with second couple. His partner does the same with third couple giving left shoulder to third woman. Figure 1. First couple finish in second place on opposite sides.



28-30 First man dances a half reel of three on the women's side with second and third women giving right shoulder to third woman while his partner dances similarly on the men's side giving right shoulder to second man. Figure 2. At the end of the half reel first couple finish in second place on opposite sides while second and third couples finish with nearer hands joined facing as in Figure 3.

31-32 First couple cross to second place on own sides giving right hands while second and third couples divide and curve round to finish on own sides. Figure 3.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

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