

LIZ HANDS

A 32 bar Strathspey for 3 couples in a longwise set.

1-2 1M and 1L set to each other.

3-4 1M sets. 1L dances across the set to in front of partner and pulls back right shoulder. (I would advise that this is “round-ish” so she loops in front of partner.)

5-8 1M chases partner who dances across the set, casts off around 2L and then dances across the set into second man’s place and faces out and down. 1M finishes in 2L’s place facing in and down. 2C steps up on bars 7 and 8 and faces 2L out and 1M in.

9-14 Giving LS to 3rd couple, 1C dances LS reels on the sides.

15-16 1M and 3L, 1L and 3M half turn with the left hand to change places, finishing with 1M facing up and out, 3M facing down and out and the ladies facing on the diagonal.

17-24 1C and 3C dance a ladies’ chain.

25-28 2C, 3C, 1C advance and retire.

29-32 1C turn with 2 hands $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Repeat with a new top couple.

Notes. Devised 2/11/2024 and modified when first danced 11/11/2024. Liz Hands is a member of Johnsonville Club and a friend of both Kristin and I. She is an accomplished musician, and was heavily involved with the NZ music industry for many years. This dance can be used as part of a sequence involving ladies chain in a simple dance in Strathspey time. Recommended music “The Sidlaw Hills” (Jim Watson) which is the lead tune for Dunsiane, and there is a 3 by 32 recording by Caber Feidh.

A TRIP TO NEWTOWN SCHOOL

A 3 couple 32 bar reel in a longwise 4 couple set.

1-4 All 3 couples take hands and advance and retire.

5-6 All cross RH and face clockwise.

7-8 All chase clockwise $\frac{1}{4}$ to form two lines of three, the men across 3rd place and the ladies across first place.

9-12 All take hands and advance and retire.

13-14 All cross LH, and face anticlockwise.

15-16 All chase anticlockwise back to original places.

17-24 First man followed by his partner, chase behind the men's line, across the set below 3rd couple, up behind 3rd lady and across the set in second place, first lady finishing in second ladies place. 2nd couple steps up on bars 5-6. First man should curl into place pulling back right shoulder.

25-32 All dance 6 hands round and back.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Notes Devised 21 August, 2023 as a simple ceilidh-style dance, for the first club night after our annual dance jointly held with Capital City on the 19th August, in Newtown School Hall. Recommended tune is "Unnamed Stallion" by James MacQueen, and a suitable recording is on "Excited States" on the album by the same name by "Stringfire!".