

## THE BRAES OF STRATHLENE

32 bar Strathspey for 3 couples in a 4 couple set

### Bars

- 1-8      1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> couples dance the Espagnole as follows:
- 1-2      1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies, joining right hands, dance towards the men's side passing between their partners. On the second step, 1<sup>st</sup> lady crosses 2<sup>nd</sup> lady over in front of her, so that 2<sup>nd</sup> lady dances out and up towards first place while 1<sup>st</sup> lady dances out and down towards second place. Meanwhile 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men cross to the ladies side passing on either side of their partners.
- 3-4      1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men, joining right hands, dance back towards their own side passing between their partners. On the fourth step, 1<sup>st</sup> man crosses 2<sup>nd</sup> man over in front of him, so that 2<sup>nd</sup> man dances out and up towards first place and 1<sup>st</sup> man dances out and down towards second place. Meanwhile 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> ladies cross back to their own side passing on either side of their partners.
- 5-8      2<sup>nd</sup> couple turn with the right hand to finish in first place while 1<sup>st</sup> couple turn with the left hand to finish facing first corners.
- 9-12     1<sup>st</sup> couple and first corners dance half a diagonal reel of four, 1<sup>st</sup> couple pass right shoulders on Bar 12 to finish facing second corners.
- 13-16    1<sup>st</sup> couple and second corners dance half a diagonal reel of four, 1<sup>st</sup> couple giving right hands on Bar 16 to cross to second place.
- 17-20    3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> couples chase clockwise ½ way round the set.
- 21-24    1<sup>st</sup> lady with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple, 1<sup>st</sup> man with 3<sup>rd</sup> couple, dance right hands across once round. On Bar 24 1<sup>st</sup> couple pass left shoulders to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on opposite sides, lady facing down and man facing up.
- 25-32    Left shoulder reels of three on the sides. On bars 31-32 1<sup>st</sup> couple cross to their own sides, 1st lady from first man's place and 1<sup>st</sup> man from third ladies place.

Repeat from second place.

Devised by Bill Forbes, originally from Buckie, for Anne Taylor of Fochabers (Moray). Strathlene, on the eastern outskirts of Buckie, (Banffshire) has wonderful winding paths - a hiker's paradise - leading away from the sea up to the golf course. The Braes cradle a fairly large holiday park overlooking the Moray Firth, famous for its sunsets - an unbelievable view. The Village of Findochty nestles to the East of the Braes and is where Anne grew up. "PS. I am not employed by the Scottish Tourist Board," writes Bill Forbes