

LE BAL DES VIEUX  
(France - Alsace)

Le Bal des Vieux (luh-BAHL day VYUH) is a dancing game very similar to a "Fricassée," or household fight. There is a constant opposition between the way old people (les Vieux) dance and the way the young people do things. Learned from Hugette Gautier at Pont-Chrétien, April 1972.

Music: Record: Rythme 4009 (45). 2/4 meter.

Formation: Circle of cpls in skater's pos, all facing LOD.

<u>Meas</u>	<u>Pattern</u>
	<u>FIGURE I. FENÊTRES</u> (windows)
A 1-4	All starting with L ft, 4 heavy walking steps.
5	Raising joined R hds, look at each other.
6	Lower hands.
7-8	Repeat meas 5-6.
A 1-8 (rptd)	Repeat meas 1-8.
9-12	Facing each other, join R hds and turn twice CW with 8 step-hops.
13-16	Repeat meas 5-8, Fig. I.
	<u>FIGURE II. FLIRT</u>
A 1-4	Repeat meas 1-4, Fig. I.
5-6	Raising joined hds to Varsouvienne pos, ptrs look at each other over W R shoulder (M passing behind W).
7-8	Ptrs look at each other over W L shoulder.
A 1-8 (rptd)	Repeat meas 1-8, Fig. II.
9-12	Repeat meas 9-12, Fig. I.
13-16	Repeat meas 5-8, Fig. II.
	<u>FIGURE III. PIED DE NEZ</u> (faces)
A 1-4	Repeat meas 1-4, Fig. I.
5	Make a big face to ptr.
6	Pause.
7-8	Repeat meas 5-6, Fig. III.
A 1-8 (rptd)	Repeat meas 1-8, Fig. III.
9-12	Repeat meas 9-12, Fig. I.
13-16	Repeat meas 5-8, Fig. III.
	<u>FIGURE IV. CLAQUE DE LA FILLE</u> (W slap M)
A 1-4	Repeat meas 1-4, Fig. I.
5	W <u>pretend</u> slapping M L cheek, M clap his own hds on R side.
6	Pause.
7-8	Repeat W slapping R cheek..
A 1-8 (rptd)	Repeat meas 1-8, Fig. IV.
9-12	Repeat meas 9-12, Fig. I.
13-16	Repeat meas 5-8, Fig. IV.

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- FIGURE V. EMBRASSADE (big hugging)
- A 1-4 Repeat meas 1-4, Fig. I.  
5 Ptrs hug each other.  
6 Pause.  
7-8 Repeat meas 5-6, Fig. V.
- A 1-8(rptd) Repeat meas 1-8, Fig. V.  
9-12 Repeat meas 9-12, Fig. I.  
13-16 Repeat meas 5-8, Fig. V.

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