

BUNKHOUSE REEL

Source: Bert Everett, Port Credit, Ontario

Region: Ottawa Valley. There is also a reference to the dance being on the programme of a ball being held in Hamilton, Ontario in the 1840's.

Music: Any Reel. The music on this recording is a medley of tunes.

Record: Ontario Dances! Dancecraft LP 123322 Side 1, Band

Basic Steps: Walking, Buzz Step (swing)

Formation: 4 couples in a square. Woman on man's R. 1st couple have their backs to the music, 2nd couple to the R of 1st couple, 3rd couple opposite 1st couple and 4th couple to the L of 1st couple.

Measures Counts Pattern

Section:

- 1 - 8 Introduction
1. 9 - 16 Bow to corner and partner
- 17 - 27 Swing partner (country dance swing)
- 28 - 32 Allemande L with the corner
- 1 - 16 Grand Chain beginning by giving the R hand to partner.
2. 17 - 28 Swing partner
- 29 - 32 Head 2 couples stand back to back
- 1 - 8 Number 1 couple go round the outside
- 9 - 20 Swing the opposite when you meet (just the head couples swing).
3. 21 - 24 Line up 4 on the side of the hall
- 25 - 32 Forward 8 and back to place. (Take 4 steps forward to meet the opposite line and back up 4 steps).
- 1 - 8 4 ladies chain
- 9 - 16 Chain back
4. 17 - 20 Men do a R hand star
- 21 - 24 Turn opposite diagonal lady by the L
- 25 - 28 Star R back to place
- 29 - 32 Turn partner by the L
- 1 - 28 Couple 1 Reel the set
5. 29 - 32 Everyone allemande L with the Corner
- 1 - 16 Everyone Grand Chain
- 17 - 28 Swing your Partner
6. 29 - 32 Side Couples Back to Back

Repeat the dance from section 3 with 2nd couple being active.

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Repeat dance from the 3rd section with 3rd couple being active.
The fourth time through the dance, the 4th couple is active.

At the end of the fourth time through the dance, after the allemande L, do not do a Grand Chain, but rather,

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| 1 - 16 | All couples Promenade around the square |
| 17 - 20 | All join hands and walk to the centre |
| 21 - 24 | All fall back to place |
| 25 - 32 | Repeat counts 17 - 24 |
| | Bow to your partner. |