DØLA MASURKA

(Norway)

Døla Masurka [DU(R)H-lah mah-SUHR-kah] was introduced at a special Kopachka workshop in the spring of 1971 by Audun Toven, a native of Nesset, Norway, currently of Seattle, Washington. It was presented by Dean Linscott at the 1971 Statewide Institute in Santa Monica.

MUSIC:

Record: Columbia SNSX 5002, Sidel, Band 5, or any good Norwegian masurka.

FORMATION: Cpls anywhere on the floor, in shoulder-waist pos throughout the dance. Begin with M back to ctr (W facing ctr) and move in LOD.

STYLING:

Entire dance is done smoothly, with ft kept close to the floor. Since pattern change is made at the whim of the M, all cpls need not be dancing the same pattern at one time.

MUSIC 3/4	PATTERN		
Measures			
1 meas	INTRODUCTION		
	STEP I Described for M; W ftwork opp.		
1	M step L sdwd L (ct 1); close R to L (ct ε); step L sdwd L (ct 2); step R across L (ct 3).		
any number	Continue until you wish to change sides with ptr.		
	TRANSITION STEP (Usually danced on any even meas.)		
1	Described for M; W ftwork opp. M step L sdwd L (ct 1); step fwd R twd ptrs place (ct 2); step L beside R (ct 3). On cts 2 and 3, M lead W across in FRONT of him to change sides as they make 1/2 turn CCW. M is now facing ctr, W has back to ctr.		
any number	Now W begin with L ft and M begin with R to continue STEP I until you wish to change sides again, preparetory to dancing STEP II.		
	TRANSITION STEP (Usually danced on any even meas.)		
ĵ	Change sides as before, but with opp ftwork, M leading W $1/2$ turn CW in FRONT of him to finish with his back to ctr.		
	STEP 11		
	M must have back to ctr before beginning this step, so STEP II SHOULD FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER A TRANSITION STEP, where M moves from outside of circle to inside. This is a cpl turn similar to Snurrbocken, but danced very smoothly, with one CW turn per meas, with a slight dip on ct 2. Keep ft close to the floor and lean away from ptr.		
1	M: Step L fwd beginning to turn CW around W (ct 1); close R to L, with slight dip, bending both knees, continue turn (ct 2); step fwd R turning R toe sharply out, to complete turn (ct 3).		
	\underline{W} : Step both ft together (ct 1); step fwd R (ct 2); step diag fwd L to complete turn (ct 3).		
	M Count W		

<u>M</u>	Count	<u>W</u>
L	1	Both
Both	2	R
R	3	L

any number Continue this turn until you wish to begin STEP I again.

The turning cpls have the "right of way", and the other cpls (dancing STEP I) should keep out of their path.