

Puffin John

Dance for 4 couples in a 4 couple longwise set

4x32 bar Strathspey

This dance starts with two chords. On the second chord, 3rd and 4th couples swap sides.

- 1-8 1st and 4th couples join in promenade hold, man on the right, and dance reels of three across the dance with 2nd and 3rd couples respectively, giving right shoulder to the man to start. 1st and 4th couples finish side by side with partner in the middle of the dance, man still on the right, facing each other up and down the dance. 2nd and 3rd couples finish in 1st and 4th place respectively.
- 9-16 1st and 4th couples set, circle four hands to the left half way, turn partner both hands and complete the circle, finishing facing corners.
- 17-24 Puffin reels: 2nd and 3rd couples dance diagonal interlocking reels of four (giving left hands in the middle) **while** 1s and 4th couples pass the corner by the right shoulder, loop back and pass left shoulders in the centre to face the next corner anti-clockwise; repeat.
Finish in the order 2, 4, 1, 3, with 4s and 1s in the middle facing diagonally out. Everyone should be facing someone of the same sex.
- 25-28 4s and 1s set to corner and turn them once round with the right hand.
- 29-30 All set to partners
- 31-32 2nd and 3rd couples turn once round by the right hand, finishing in promenade hold (in 1st and 4th positions respectively) ready to start again

Written in memory of John Bowie Dickson, famous dance deviser and long-term Dunedin member until his death in 1998. The final Dunedin session of season 2021-2022, on 29th June, was dedicated to John's dances. This dance was written in his honour for that session and first danced there. Can you spot the quotes?

Tune: The Quiet Man

(Jim Sutherland)

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