

Reeling Roy

A reel for four couples in a four couple set

(3rd and 4th couples start the dance on opposite sides)

Bars

- 1 - 4 2nd and 3rd couples dance right hands across, finishing with 2nd couple facing 1st lady and 3rd couple facing 4th lady.
- 5 - 6 2nd couple dance half left hands across with 1st lady while 3rd couple dance half left hands across with 4th lady.
- 7 - 8 2nd and 3rd couples join nearer hands with partners and set facing diagonally across the set. 1st lady and 4th lady change places by dancing a half turn with the right hand.
- 9 - 10 2nd couple dance half left hands across with 4th lady while 3rd couple dance half left hands across with 1st lady.
- 11 - 14 2nd and 3rd couples dance right hands across once and a quarter round, finishing with 2nd couple facing 4th man and 3rd couple facing 1st man.
- 15 - 16 2nd couple dance half left hands across with 4th man while 3rd couple dance half left hands across with 1st man.
- 17 - 18 2nd and 3rd couples join nearer hands with partners and set facing diagonally across the set. 1st man and 4th man change places by dancing a half turn with the right hand.
- 19 - 20 2nd couple dance just over half left hands across with 1st man while 3rd couple dance just over half left hands across with 4th man. 3rd couple finish facing 4th lady (who is in 1st lady's place) and 2nd couple finish facing 1st lady (who is in 4th man's place).
- 21 - 24 2nd man follows 2nd lady to dance down and round 1st lady (passing her by the right shoulder) and across to third place on own sides facing down. 3rd couple dance similarly up round 4th lady to finish in second place on opposite sides facing up.
- 25 - 28 All four couples dance half reels of four on the sides. To begin, 2nd and 1st couples, also 3rd and 4th couples, pass by the right shoulders.
- 29 - 32 1st lady and 2nd man, 1st man and 2nd lady, 3rd lady and 4th man, 3rd man and 4th lady, turn with the right hand once and a quarter. Finish facing this person in lines across the dance.
- 33 - 36 Passing right shoulder, dance half reels of four across the dance.
- 37 - 40 Repeat the once and a quarter right hand turns to finish in the original order on the sidelines with 2nd couple facing down and 3rd couple facing up. (2nd and 4th couples are on opposite sides).
- 41 - 44 2nd and 3rd couples change places on the side with the left hand (2 steps) then 2nd and 4th couples, also 3rd and 1st couples, change places on the side with the right hand (2 steps). Dance polite turns where appropriate to finish facing partners in the order 3,1,4,2 with 4th and 2nd couples on opposite sides.
- 45 - 48 All dance eight hands round to the left half way.
Finish in the order 2,4,1,3 with 1st and 3rd couples on opposite sides.
Repeat from new positions.

A dance presented to Roy Batchelor by members of the RSCDS Western Australia Branch demonstration team on the occasion of his 60th birthday.