

The 50th Tartan Ball Reel ~ also known as The Peat Road

THE PEAT ROAD

8X32 Reel (3cpls in a 4 couple set)

- 1 – 8 1st & 2nd couple dance the Bourrell
1st man & 2nd woman: set advancing, turn two hands (using pas de basque step) 1/2way pulling back right shoulder and finish back to back in the centre of the set with the 2nd woman facing up and the 1st man facing down. At the same time, 1st woman & 2nd man dance contra-clockwise round the set to finish facing their partner in a line up and down the dance. All set. All turn partner 3/4 with the right hand, to finish with 1st couple facing out in second place & 2nd couple facing in and down in top place.
- 9 – 12 Half a Reel of three on the sidelines, with 1st woman passing 3rd woman by the right shoulder to begin and 1st man passing 2nd man by the right shoulder. Order is now 3,1,2 & 1st couple face out in 2nd place on their own sides, flowing into
- 13 – 16 1st woman & 3rd woman turn once with the left hand, while 1st man & 2nd man turn once with the left hand. 1st couple faces out in 2nd place on their own side of the set.
- 17 – 20 Half a Reel of three on the sidelines, with 1st woman passing 2nd woman by the right shoulder and 1st man passing 3rd man by the right shoulder. Order is now 2,1,3 & 1st couple face out on own side of set, flowing into
- 21 – 24 1st woman & 2nd woman turn once with the left hand, while 1st man & 3rd man turn once with the left hand. All three couples finish facing in.
- 25 – 32 2nd, 1st & 3rd couples dance six hands round and back.

Repeat having passed a couple

Deirdre MacCuish Bark 2011: The Peat Road was chosen as the 50th Tartan Ball Reel to celebrate 50 years of the Tartan Ball in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. February 16th 2013

Suggested music: Vintage Goldring: Muriel Johnstone & Keith Smith: track #1: “Crossing the Brook”

The Peat Road: is a narrow, single track road that twists & turns with few passing places & is the “short cut” between Finsbay & Leverburgh in South Harris, one of the islands of the Outer Hebrides in Scotland. The Peat Road winds along the shores of Loch Langabhat & over the moor, past the peat beds, where the crofters cut & stack the peat. Once dried, it is transported to their croft houses & used as fuel.