Skye Barbecue

Dance for 3 couples in a 4 couple longwise set 8x32 bar Reel

1-8 1C cross down (no hands) between second and third couples to start reels of three on the opposite side of the dance.

9-16 1C cross down (no hands) between second and third couples to start reels of three on their own sides. Finish with 2nd couple in 1st place and 1st couple flowing into...

17-24 First couple turn right hand, moving down to second place, dance out through second place on own side and dance clockwise half-way round the set **while** 2nd and 3rd couples set and turn partners half way right hands, flowing into right hands across once round.

25-32 First couple turn left hand, dance out through second place on opposite side and dance anti-clockwise half way round the set **while** 2nd and 3rd couples set and turn partners half way left hands, flowing into left hands across once round.

Repeat, having passed a couple.

Note: In bars 17-24 and 25-32, 1st couple need to do a quick turn and get out of the way in the first 2 bars of the phrase, taking 6 bars to orbit the other dancers. 2nd and 3rd couples should retain hands between the half turn and right hands across.

Iain MacPhail played the Alastair Fraser tune "Skye Barbecue" in one of the sets he played for the RSCDS Edinburgh Branch show "Strictly Scottish" in August 2001. I was one of the dancers in the show, and was so taken by the tune that I felt it deserved its own dance. This is the result.

This dance should be free-flowing and lively, as fits the tune. There should be almost a feel of flying in the reels, and 1st couple's turn on bars 17-18 and 25-26 should be a quick turn which throws them back out again like orbiting planets (and also gets them out of the way...).

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Tune: Skye Barbecue *(Alastair Fraser)*

(cc) Ian Brockbank, August 2001, revised March 2003 and March 2006.