

A Couple of Keepers

32 bar Strathspey for a three-couple longwise set

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Tune: *Ice Storm* by Patti Cobb

For Tim Wilson and Sylvain Pelletier

- 1-4 1st and 2nd couples **dance four hands round** to the left
- 5-8 1st couple dance **Petronella** into the center and **turn** with the right hand to finish in partner's place
- 9-16 1st and 2nd couples dance the **Circulating Knot**, 1st couple face up at the end of bar 10, 2nd couple face down.
1st couple finish in center facing partner's first corner position (their third corner)
- 17-24 1st couple dance around third corner passing **LEFT** shoulder, while corners dance **LEFT** shoulder around each other and back to place while passing 1st couple, again by the left; 1st couple dance round each other by the left to face fourth corners. Repeat with fourth corners, 1st couple finish in the center, left shoulder to shoulder, man below his partner (**Corner Pass and Swirl**).
- 25-28 1st woman with 2nd couple and 1st man with 3rd couple dance **right hands across**, 1st woman dance toward her partner at the end while 3rd couple join both hands ready for,
- 29-32 1st and 3rd couple **Half Pousette**

Tim and Sylvain have kept the San Francisco Class fun and friendly for many years.

Tim is a librarian and Sylvain is our branch treasurer and he works in financial services, so they are both, in different ways, keepers of books. They are beloved by the other class members who certainly consider them a couple of keepers.

The dance name was the result of long lakeside discussions in Yellowstone amongst Patti, Bruce, Mark Caplin, and Eileen Ritchey.

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The musical score for 'Ice Storm' is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The chords and other markings are as follows:

- Staff 1: Gm, Eb, D, Gm3, F, Bb, Cm, D, D7
- Staff 2: Gm, F, Gm, Cm, F, Eb, D7, Gm, D/A, Gm/Bb, Cm, Gm/D, D7, Gm
- Staff 3: Eb, F, Bb, Eb, A, D, Gm, D, Eb, F7
- Staff 4: Cm7, F, Gm, D, Gm, D7, Eb, Cm9, D, Gm

Triplets are indicated with a '3' over groups of notes in measures 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32.

Inspired by the cold winter ice east of Lake Tahoe, and the freezing fog, called a "Pogonip," from the Shoshone word for cloud, "payinappih."