

THE OLYMPIANS

dance devised by
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for the members of the Atlanta Branch
to celebrate the Olympic Games in 1996

Jig - 4 couples - 32 bars

Tune - "Woodhaven Pier" by the late David Finlay
who was the pianist in the Olympians
Band

In this dance 3rd and 4th couples start on
opposite sides.

BARS

1-4 1st and 2nd couples set on the sides and then 1st couple
cast off to second place while 2nd couple dance up to
first place and stay facing out.

3rd and 4th couples, similarly, set on the sides
and then 4th couple cast up to third place while 3rd
couple dance down to fourth place and stay facing out.

5-8 2nd and 1st men, and 4th and 3rd men, turn with the left
hand once round, while 2nd and 1st women, and 4th and
3rd women, turn with the right hand once round.

9-12 1st and 4th couples, now in second and third places,
dance half rights and lefts. At the end, 1st and 4th
men do not make polite turns but stay facing out.

13-16 4th and 1st couples dance anticlockwise in a chase half
way round back to the same places as at the end of
bar 8, again 1st and 4th men stay facing out.

17-24 2nd, 1st, 4th and 3rd couples dance reels of four on the
sides. At the end, 1st man and 4th woman, and 1st woman
and 4th man, pass each other by the right and face each
other.

25-28 1st man and 4th woman, and 1st woman and 4th man, change
places on the sides giving right hands (two steps).
They set facing each other but turn on the second pas
de basque to face partners across the dance.

29-32 4th and 1st couples change places with partners with a
"half turn and a twirl".

The finishing order is 2,4,1,3 with 1st and 3rd couples
on opposite sides.

Repeat from new positions.

NOTES 1. "The Olympians" was the name of the band which
played at St Andrews Summer School for many years.

2. An attempt has been made to show many rings in the
dance to connect it with the Olympic flag.