



**ABEGWEIT**

Devised by John Drewry in October 1990

Strathspey - 4 Couples in a Square Set - 96 Bars (i.e. 3X32 bars)

Tune - "The Cradle Song" - by J. Scott Skinner. See - "The Scottish Violinist" (page 36)

**Published Versions:**

- Leaflet - October 1990
- Island Games - PEI Scottish Country Dancers - 1991
- John Drewry Dance Collection - 2021

**Archive Contents:**

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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leaflet - collected and compiled by A. Miller in March 1991</li><li>• Paper size - A4</li></ul>  |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Island Games - PEI Scottish Country Dancers - published in 1991</li><li>• Added one word to Figure 1 - Bars 9-10, but it doesn't change how the dance is done</li><li>• Paper size - 8 ½ X 11</li></ul>  |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leaflet - John Drewry Dance Collection published by SCDTAC in May 2021</li><li>• Micmac is an old spelling and is still an excepted term, however, the people are now refered to as Mi'kmaq</li><li>• Issued digitally as a single leaflet in PDF format and available for download on SCDTAC website</li><li>• Document size - 8 ½ X 11</li></ul> |



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**Notes:**

- ABEGWEIT (pronounced "A-beg-wait") is the Micmac (now Mi'kmaq) name for Prince Edward Island and means "cradled upon the waters".
- This dance is one part of a set of three Scottish country dances devised to mark the Canada Winter Games hosted by Prince Edward Island in February 1991 and in support of the Island Tourist Theme for 1991 - The Road to the Isle. The other dances in this set are Midwinter and Marylou's Reel.
- At the request of the PEI Scottish Country Dancers, J. Duncan Keppie composed the tune Rustico for this dance. It is not known if John was part of the decision to commission this tune, or if was solely a decision of the PEI Scottish Country Dancers.

**Steps:**

- Strathspey Travelling Step
- Strathspey Setting Step

**Formations:**

- Figure of Eight
- Turn with Both Hands
- Setting in Line
- Hands Round
- Turn with the Right or Left Hand
- Four Hands Across Half-Way Round
- Advance and Retire
- Hands Across
- Hands Round Half-Way in 2 Bars

**Anecdotes:**

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