SCOTTISH FROM GASCOGNE

(France)

This variant of the Scottish is from Gascogne in southwest France. Learned from Pierre Corbefin summer 1989. Alternate steps for measures 7 and 8 were learned summer 2007 at the Fête du Rondeau in Castelnau-Barbarens, France.

Formation: Couples in closed ballroom position at random around the room.

Rhythm: 2/4

Measure	Pattern
Steps are de	escribed for the man. Woman does the same as the man but with opp. ftwk.
1	Step sdv d L on L ft (ct 1), close R ft to L ft (ct &), step sdwd L on L ft (ct 2), hold (ct 2)
2	Repeat: eas 1 in opp direction with opp ftwk
3	Turning of face life of direction and walking side by side with ptr, step L, R (cts 1,2)
4	Facing pragain, repeat meas 1
5	Repeat n cas 2
6	Repeat n eas 1
7-8	Starting with R ft, do very flat, smooth, walking-style "buzz" step, turning CW in place Ending with L ft free on ct & at end of meas 8. (Women start by stepping back on L ft and end with R ft free.)
	Alternate step for meas. 7: Starting with R ft and turning CW, Men step on R ft, (ct 1)
	hop on R it (ct &) step on L ft, (ct 2) hop on L ft, (ct &) <u>Alternate Step for meas 8</u> : Starting with R ft and continuing to turn CW, Men step on R ft, (ct 1) step on L ft (ct &), step on R ft (ct 2)
	Women Go Alternate meas 7 and meas 8 with opposite footwork.
	VARIATION: BRING THE WOMAN AROUND
1-3	Repeat meas 1-3 above
4	Man: Turn ½ turn CCW in place, stepping L (ct 1) R (ct &, L (ct 2) hold (ct &) while leading W around in front and to man's other side until man and woman have changed places on floor. Arm position stays the same.
	Woman: Walk fwd and around man to end up changing places with him, stepping R (ct 1), L (ct &), R (ct 2), hold (ct &)
5-8	Repeat meas 5-8 above.either with original step for measures 7-8 or alternate step for measures 7-8
	Repeat dance from beginning.
	Dance description by Marilyn Smith