

Log Driver's Joy

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(tune: "Log Driver's Waltz" by Wade Helmsworth)

Longways duple minor improper

Level of difficulty: intermediate

This is a variation of a dance I wrote a few years ago called "Joy of Eighteen" which is danced to any random waltz. It works really well with "Log Driver's Waltz" – and what could be more Canadian?

- A1 1 – 4 Neighbours right shoulder gypsy 1x
 5 – 8 Facing neighbour, double mad robin
 (women slide R in front first)
- A2 1 – 4 Ladies cross to partner, right shoulder gypsy 1x
 5 – 8 Partner 2 hand turn (or waltz), leave lady on right
- B1 1 – 4 Gents turn by left one and 1/2
 5 – 8 Neighbour 2 hand turn (or waltz), leave lady on right
- B2 1 – 4 Two changes of rights and lefts with hands starting
 partner across; keep left hands with neighbour
 5 – 8 Left hand star 1x

Dance notes :

1. Most vocal versions of this tune include an instrumental break between the chorus and next verse – this dance is for the tune without the break.
2. The men's solo at the beginning of B1 coincides with the chorus line "He goes burling down the white water..." Gents should be encouraged to add any flourishes they desire in order to impress the ladies.