

Dancer comments 9-05-19

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L & R took about two dances to get used to and now I definitely prefer it! I learned contra as leads and follows and that worked too.

I still prefer ladies and gents but would rather just leave it up to the individual callers. I'd respect those that prefer L&R

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Myself, I prefer dancing the role traditional for my gender, but I'm happy with either kind of calling and I don't mind when others switch roles.

Old longtime dancer finds Larks/Ravens easy to get used to - to my surprise. Had not thought about effect on callers - those callers who prefer ladies/gents should free to use this. Don't want to lose them.

Basically an easy transition for dancers probably not so much for callers.

I personally am fine with either style, but I want everyone to be comfortable. Over time, the next 2-3 years, I think we should convert to L&R. It's the future and allows for more flexibility. Give callers the option however.

Teaching beginners with Larks and ravens makes for better dancers in my opinion. It encourages people dance both roles interchangeably. Which is a very good skill for everyone. The confusion doesn't seem to last very long, in my experience.

It look a long time for many dancers to get used to. It confuses new people and takes away the structure that many enjoy. Gents and ladies provide a gender neutral enough role for those who prefer to switch and provide stability for those who prefer traditional roles.