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Too many of you single guys are missing out on a cool thing.

Common wisdom says:

- The vast majority of gals like, actually, *love* to dance.
- Lots and lots of you guys don't like to dance, mostly because you have two left feet.
- Taking a gal to a dance is a *commitment* for an entire evening. (We know what you feel about *commitments*.)
- In the guy-dream-world, there's a good partner, but there's also an occasional smile and a hug from lots of different gals. (OK, the dream actually involves a little more, but, then you're really dreaming.)

Some well concealed gems that few bachelors (committed or uncommitted) seem to know:

- Square dancing is indeed dancing, but can be performed with one, two, or three left feet.
- On average, gals are not faster than guys in learning square dancing. Since they goof up too, they may actually understand if/when you goof up.
- Guys can go to a square dance alone. (No *commitment* there.)

- At most square dances, lots of gals are quick to accept dance invitations. True, the invitation involves a *commitment* for one entire tip – two whole songs. But, easing the strain of a 10 minute *commitment* is the fact that you will actually exchange smiles, hugs, and twirls with four different gals.
- When the tip is over, the *commitment* is over. Move on. A gentleman gives all the gals a chance to get out on the floor.
- Should the word get out, and lots of guys show up, it may be necessary to graze through the snack table, talking sports. Gee, like that's going to be hard, or unusual.
- Bonus: Navigating a tough string of calls, and then actually finding yourself back "home," is almost as exciting as hitting a half-court shot.

OK, there are a few catches:

- You need to schedule a shower between any heavy work-out and the dance.
- You need to locate an entire set of clothes that can pass a sniff test, and that also lack major tears or stains. (Matching colors would be a nice touch.)
- That 6-pack of Coors with supper needs to be cut way back. Wait! Before calling this a deal-breaker, think of the advantage of a clear head. You leave the dance alone, and dodge a really big *commitment*.