



# The Beachcomber's Roving Rogue

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**How to Dance with Two Left Feet.** Sound like anyone you know? Like maybe even yourself? Well, I gotcha hooked up.

As your Roving Rogue I've learned over the past few years that if you rove enough, people will rove back. And that's just what **Chuck Dempsey** did.

You might know Chuck from his sound business or his days in standup or as a functionary at some Chamber socials. But what Chuck wants you to know about him is that *Chuck Knows Dancing*.

Chuck is to dancing as Bret Favre is to football: totally devoted, totally prepared, totally on top of his game. And to that end, Chuck's come up with a three-DVD package that is guaranteed to let you "Learn the Fun of Dancing in Two Hours."

The DVDs have high production values, as they should; the project's been in the works for four years. But better yet, they're entertaining as can be. Funny as well.

I asked Chuck about this lost art, and I learned a lot. But because we're a newspaper and not a magazine I'll just distill it down to this: He has been called upon to teach professional dance instructors

how to teach, especially at contest time. The guy's good.

I was lucky. My mother and step-father were great dancers and the lady who ran my Cub Scout pack in Spokane, Wash., had us doing the tango, two-step, foxtrot and waltz long before we knew that knowing this stuff was chick magnets. Hell, we didn't know from chicks!

That said, I love swing dancing. That's thanks to Marsha Woodall from Idaho Falls, Idaho, who cornered me in a deserted Student Union Building dance parlor waaaaaay back when, and taught me how to do it. Dancing that is.

I don't wish to date myself, but in those days you could get six songs for a quarter. You can buy a lot of *Danny and the Juniors* and *Bill Haley* for that. And she taught me how to "jitterbug," the term for "swing" in our days. I loved it.

I was cutting a rug (ask your grandparents) at **Pandora's** recently and when my partner and I sat down a whole table applauded and said how great we looked. Without apology I said, "That was the first time we ever danced together." So it can be done. And Chuck's way is beautifully simple and fun.

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