

## Guide to 3 main Line Dance Charts – How do YOUR votes count?

	<b>LinedancerWeb (LDW)</b>	<b>Copperknob (CK)</b>	<b>World Line Dance Newsletter (WLDN)</b>
<b>Where</b>	linedancerweb.com	copperknob.co.uk	worldlinedancenewsletter.com (and FB group)
<b>Charts are based on</b>	Number of votes	Number of <i>views</i>	Number of votes
<b>Chart meaning</b>	People have taken time to vote for their favourites	No significance about favourites – chart only tracks people <b>looking</b> at step sheets	People have taken time to vote for their favourites
<b>How to vote</b>	<p>Create a free account on linedancerweb.com</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find the step sheet <i>(by dance name, or choreographer, or song)</i></li> <li>2. Click on ‘Vote for this Dance’</li> </ol>	<p>Create a free account on copperknob.co.uk</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find the step sheet</li> <li>2. Simply by viewing it, you have now added to the chart</li> </ol> <p>To add a Star rating:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Click on ‘Vote Now’</li> <li>2. Click on # of stars</li> </ol>	<p>Send your 8 favourite dances <i>(dance name + choreographer + level)</i> via email to Carol Craven, <a href="mailto:tkandr@aol.com">tkandr@aol.com</a> (using her format)</p>
<b>How long does your vote last?</b>	31 days	Each view lasts 7 days ‘Stars’ are permanent <i>(or until you change it)</i>	1 week
<b>Voter identification</b>	Voter name (or handle) is visible to everyone	Anonymous	Anonymous
<b>How to renew your votes?</b>	<p>Click ‘renew’ on your current votes, then ‘Update Vote Choices’</p> <p>Expired votes are on separate tab, can be renewed there</p>	n/a	Send your new votes via weekly email
<b>Chart interpretation</b>	Real-time list of what’s popular on a rolling 31-day basis	Real-time list of what’s being looked at on a rolling 7-day basis	Weekly snapshot of what’s popular
<b># of people who determine Top Spot</b>	~150-200 votes	~4000+ views	~30-50 votes

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<b>Chart sorting</b>	Charts can be sorted by: Level, Age of dance, Country of voter, Instructors only, DJs only, + more	n/a	n/a
<b>Database sorting</b>	Search by level, choreographer, music, counts, age, with videos, with reviews  Sort results by age	Search by level, choreographer, music, counts, # of walls, language.  Sort results by age, popularity (# of stars)	n/a
<b>How do the charts relate to the annual Crystal Boot Awards nominations?</b>	A formula combines how long a dance has been released during the voting year, and the number of votes it has received during the year.	n/a	n/a
<b>Summary</b>	Vote for your favourites on LDW all year long – your monthly votes are creating the nomination list each December for final Crystal Boot Awards voting	Every click to view a step sheet will cause a dance to rise up the chart, but this does not mean it's a favourite, it just means it's being looked at.  Star ratings are helpful to assess popularity.	Weekly survey results are shared by email, on the website, and on FB.  Submissions shared on daily email newsletter; posts on FB are very interactive
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Morgan's weekly FB survey of dances taught &amp; learned is great info. Participate or view on FB every week; listen to his 'Carry On Up The Line' show on Line Dancer Radio (LDR) on Tuesdays</li> <li>• Dave Baycroft's monthly Chart Show on LDR on is always interesting</li> <li>• Stacy Garcia's compilation of event playlists is fantastic (WLDN)</li> </ul>		
<b>Disclaimer</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">This is a quick reference guide inspired by a workshop discussion led by Carolyn Jurek at the Footloose in the Foothills event, June 8, 2024 (Calgary, Alberta, Canada). It has been reviewed by Betty Drummond (LDW) and Carol Craven (WLDN) – thank you both. There is still plenty more to learn about and explore within these resources and beyond. Have fun!</p>		