

Ghillie Tracks

Getting Started with the My PC Inventory Module

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I. My PC Inventory Overview

The purpose of the My PC Inventory Module is to track Scottish Country Dancing resources stored on your PC. The current version supports tracking music resources. Support for managing dance instructions and publications that are stored on a computer is planned for a future version. Future support for managing tunes is a possibility if there is interest.

Items tracked in My PC Inventory do not have to be in DanceData. If the item does exist in DanceData, the My PC Inventory item and the DanceData item can be linked. Once they are linked, more extensive information and search capabilities will be available for the item.

II. My PC Inventory: Where do I start?

If you use the "I Have" functionality in DanceData, it would be best to import that data into Ghillie Tracks before building your My PC Inventory. See [DanceData: Import I Have](#) to learn how.

Do you already have your SCD music on your computer?

- o **No, I do not.**

Here's some tips for loading your CDs to your computer while adding them to My PC Inventory.

1. Go to "General", "Music Preferences" and set your "Top Level Music Folder". See [My PC Inventory: Music Preferences](#).
2. Go to "My PC Inventory", "Rip and Add Album". See [My PC Inventory: Rip and Add Album](#).

- o **Yes, I do.**

Here's some tips for getting the SCD music already on your computer into the My PC Inventory.

1. Go to "General", "Music Preferences" and set your "Top Level Music Folder". See [My PC Inventory: Music Preferences](#).
2. Go to "My PC Inventory", "Bulk Add Albums" to add your albums to the inventory. See [My PC Inventory: Bulk Add Albums](#).
3. Consider marking your favorite albums, this would allow you to do recording searches and narrow it down to your favorite albums. (Example: Find all 8x32 Reels on my favorite albums.) See [My PC Inventory: Album Detail](#).

- Consider marking generic recordings, this would allow you to do recording searches and narrow your search to generic recordings. (Example: Find all 4x32 generic Jigs.)

To find potential generic recordings, go to "My PC Inventory", "Search Recordings" (see [My PC Inventory: Search](#)) and do searches on each of the following. You can then edit each of the recordings and set "Generic recording" to "Yes".

- Name: Selection%
 - Name: Set %
 - Name: Jig%
 - Name: Reel%
 - Name: Strathspey%
 - Name: Any%
 - On the Search page, click **Num** to get all recordings whose names begin with a number (to find recordings named such as ""8 x 32 Reels)
 - If you add "Generic Recording" = "No" to the above searches (this search option is in under "More Options"), then each successive search won't show those already marked.
- When you add new albums to your PC, you can continue to rip them the way you have in the past and use "Add Album" to add them to the "Ghillie Tracks" inventory. See [My PC Inventory: Add Album](#).

III. Try a My PC Inventory Search

Here's a couple of quick searches you can try to get you started with the My PC Inventory search pages.

- Click "Search Recordings" on the "My PC Inventory" pulldown menu.
- Click **Jigs**

- Next you should see a list of all of the Jig recordings in My PC Inventory. Try clicking on the **Recording**, **Type**, **ID**, **Album** or **Artist** to change the sort order.



- Let's revise the search, and look for just 4x32 Jigs. Click **Revise Search** in the upper right corner.
- You should now see "My PC Inventory Recording Search" page. Click **+** to expand the "Options". Note that "Jig" is already selected. Select "4" from the "Repetitions" selection list and select "32" from the "Bars per repetition" selection list. Click **Submit**



- You should now see the search results page with just 4x32 Jigs listed (assuming that you have some in your inventory).



7. Click the play button (▶) beside a Recording to play the recording in your default media player. See [Requirements](#) for more information on media players.
8. Click the edit button (✎) beside a Recording or Album name to see the detail page associated with each Recording or Album.
9. For more information see [My PC Inventory: Search](#).

IV. My PC Inventory: Routine Activities

1. If you use the My PC Inventory module, you should backup your Ghillie Tracks databases regularly, see [Backup Databases](#).
2. On the Welcome page, click to see if a newer version of Ghillie Tracks has been released.
3. You may occasionally want to run the "Check Recording Files" on the My PC Inventory to verify that all of the recordings in your inventory are pointing to the correct file location. See [My PC Inventory: Check Recording Files](#).
4. You may occasionally want to check to see if any albums have been added to DanceData since you added it to the inventory. To find candidates, search for albums that are in My PC Inventory and not associated with a DanceData album by doing the following:
 1. Click on "Search Albums" on the "My PC Inventory" pulldown menu.
 - Click besides "Options".
 - Select "No" for "In DanceData".
 - Click .

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Welcome PC Album Search

My PC Inventory Album Search

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Num


Name:

Options

Artist Name: Any

"Favorite" Album?: Any Yes No

In DanceData: Any Yes No

- Review the list of albums. For any that may have been added to DanceData, click the edit button ().

My PC Inventory Albums Found

Found 11 albums which are NOT in DanceData, sorted by name.

ID	Album	Artist	Created	Modified
A294	2008 Pittsburgh Ball CD1	The Music Makars	2009-08-28	
A287	Aye Afloat - The Portknockie Collection	Muriel Johnstone & Keith Smith	2009-08-28	
A289	Christmas Album	Jimmy Lindsay and his Scottish Dance Band	2009-08-28	
A297	Dancing Fingers 5. The Merse C	Muriel A Johnstone	2009-08-28	
SFO1	Fiddler's Party, The	The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra	2009-08-28	
A141	Haste Ye Back	Muriel Johnstone's Band	13:00:52	
A295	MacNab Dances Volume 1	The Muriel Johnstone Ensemble	2009-08-28	
Misc	Miscellaneous	(unknown)		
A292	Special Request Volume 2007	Colin Dewar and his Scottish Dance Band	2009-08-28	
A296	TAC 50th Anniversary Collection	Bobby Brown and The Scottish Accent	2009-08-28	
trim	Trimmed Cuts	Various Artists	2009-07-21	2009-08-28

- Check the "Associated DanceData Album" list to see if the Album is listed.

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Welcome PC Albums PC Album Detail ✕

My PC Inventory: Album Detail

Album Name: Haste Ye Back

Album Short Name: Haste Ye

Associated DanceData Album: Haste Ye Back, Muriel Johnstone's Band

Artist Name: Johnstone, Muriel's Band

Album Id: A141

Album Folder: A141/

Production Year: 1998

"Favorite" Album?: Yes No

Note:

Last Modified: 2009-09-06 13:00:52

4. If it is:

- Click
- Click
- Match the recording files with the applicable DanceData recording. For information on how to use the matching function, see [My PC Inventory: Matching Page Tips](#).
- Click
- Close "Associate Recordings" page
- Click
- Optionally, click . If recordings are in iTunes, be sure and heed the warning message.