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**BOOK OF TAB AND MUSIC FILES ON CD**

**VOLUME ONE**

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## Volume 1

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## Welcome to Hot Mandolin Licks - Volume One...

We are pleased that you purchased this volume of Hot Mandolin Licks. In this volume we've put together we have a nice selection of kick-offs/intros to fill-in licks, tags, and endings. While there are many good publications available to teach beginning students how to play the mandolin, that is not the purpose of the material we are offering. The Hot Licks Mandolin series presupposes that you have already learned the fundamentals of mandolin playing, and possess the ability to read tablature.

The licks included in this series are designed to help you add ammunition to your arsenal of previously learned songs or licks from other sources. You'll find .wav and .Mp3 recordings to accompany the tablature so you can hear how the lick actually sounds. We've also include examples of where some of these licks most appropriately fit within a song.

We have offered a very simple form of tablature for the licks, because we find that most people learn from the audio files. However, with the tab you can make sure you are using the same fingerings and notes that our authors have intended for you. And each lick may have some additional information that will help make sense of the lick in relationship to working it into your own playing. Be sure to listen to the audio offering to hear the proper timing of each lick.

We hope you ll gain more skill and savvy from our Hot Mandolin Licks series. We believe that there is no substitute for plain and simple hard work, and these licks are designed to give you the work out you need help you gain more skill and command of the mandolin.

# Rob Lawson



Rob Lawson began playing the guitar when he was but a kid... and now is ready to take on the mandolin! He's amazing on the mandolin with all of his guitar knowledge gives him an advantage! His family hails from Jelico, Tennessee and he's been listening to bluegrass from his musical family for his whole life. But he's only recently discovered bluegrass with his buddy Tim and now they're tearing up and love the music.

He is married with a beautiful little daughter and a baby on the way and likes to work on his art and recording music! And with the publication of the first Hot Mandolin Licks, we know what you won't want to miss future volumes when the guys get into blues and rock licks as well as many more standards in several keys!

# Sherri Chekal

Sherri Chekal learned to play the banjo at the tender age of 16. She picked for a few years, however when she was 21, she had to sell her beloved Stelling banjo to put a clutch in her car when she was living out on her own. (It's a sad story, and you'll need a tissue...) After about 20 years without picking, she finally managed to get back to her roots and got another Stelling. It's a good sounding Bellflower and everyone knows it... it's the banjo with the hearts and flowers on the rim! She plays in the band Deepwater with Rob and is excited to be in the music up to her elbows!

Actually, she is the editor of [BuckeyeBluegrass.com](http://BuckeyeBluegrass.com) as well as [MichiganBluegrass.com](http://MichiganBluegrass.com) and is the owner of Westvon Publishing, that produces educational materials as well as creating and maintaining over 35 websites. She provides the graphic foundation of the Hot Licks programs for Mandolin, Fiddle, Bass, Dobro, Guitar and Banjo.



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We offer the learn-along music files as .WAV recordings. These should play easily on most modern computers and CD players. It doesn't matter if you own a Windows based computer or a Macintosh, .WAV files are quite universal. You can easily include these files on your personal music devices such as an IPOD or other MP3 players. What's nice is that you can look at the licks on the following pages and listen to the cd recording. This is a great way to hear the timing and emphasis of the lick. If you have purchased the download file, you will need to place the files into your computer player such as Windows Media Player or iTunes for the Mac or Window computers. Also included is a folder with Mp3 files of each lick, too!



## Read, Listen & Learn the Licks

We suggest that you take one lick, and set your computer media player or CD player to repeat the track over and over as you practice. We did not include a spoken voice identifying the lick so that you can listen over and over without waiting. By hearing the lick over and over, you will train your ear to hear the timing and emphasis of the lick. After you work on getting it nice and smooth, you can then begin to insert the lick into your regular mandolin breaks or wherever it best suits your playing. Have fun! Learn a lick a week!

# How to Read Our Tab

There are many good books out there that can teach you how to read mandolin tabs. We hope that you have mastered the art of reading and using tab, however, here is a brief refresher course for our program's tab.

**TREMOLO**

**1st String**

**2nd String**

**3rd String**

**4th String**

**X** When you see an X on the tab, it means to mute the string with your hand.

This is a down stroke

This is an up stroke

Play these three notes together, as a strum

This is a rest sign, it tells you to not play anything for one beat or more.

Some of the special techniques you will encounter are the slide (SL), the hammer (H), the pinch (PO), the choke (CH) and others. They are clearly marked in the tab.

Refer to a instruction book for how to do these techniques.

There are many excellent books on beginning mandolin and learning to read tab for the mandolin. We hope that you will have mastered the basic skills of reading tab and can play your mandolin with a comfortable level of skill. If you have purchased our Hot Mandolin Licks course and are just beginning the mandolin, you may still find many of the licks within your skill level and can continue to grow and learn with the licks in each volume. However, you may find some licks that are a bit more advanced than you are ready for. One of the advantages of our learning course is that even one or two new licks a week will spice up your playing at jams and with friends and also give you a valuable resource as your playing skill advances!

Lick  
**1**

**Key of G**

Listen to sound file HM101.wav  
or Track 1 on your CD

E	3			SL		
A		5	3	1 - 2		
D					5	
G						

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Lick  
**2**

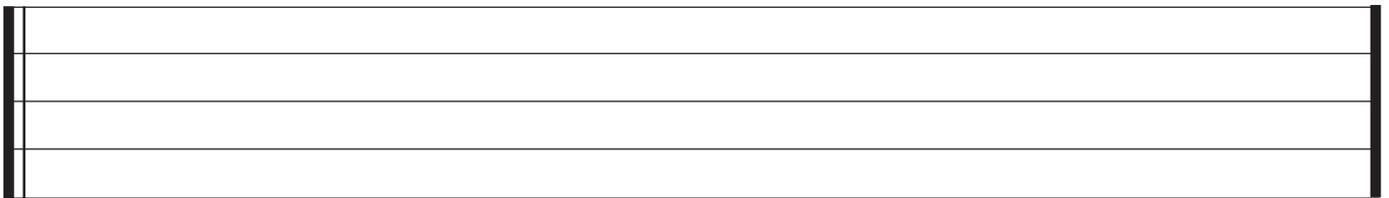
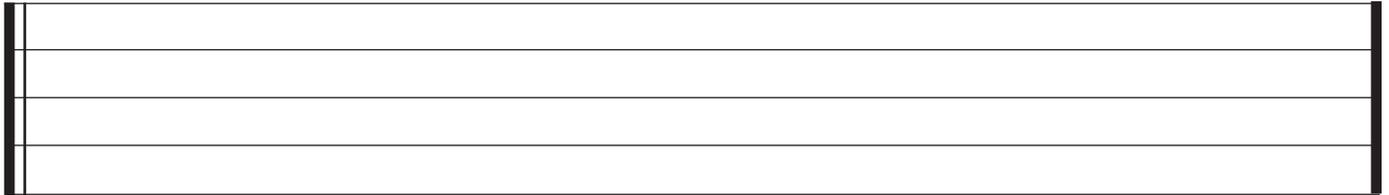
**Key of G**

Listen to sound file HM102.wav  
or Track 2 on your CD

E	3	3	3	SL		SL
A				4 - 5	3	1 - 2
D						5
G						

**Remember to listen to the audio files for timing**

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