

## Background:

When a new dancer graduates and is welcomed into the club, they have mastered the necessary figures to dance the mainstream program. However in many instances they are not aware of the background or history of the club they are joining or other information that would be a great help to them.

It is suggested that, during the second half of their dance lessons, time should be allotted for the information provided in this trifold. Other club information could be given also to the dancer during these breaks in their class. This way by the end of their instructions they will not only be well versed in the basics of dancing and will have some of the information they need to enter the “Wonderful World of Square & Round Dancing”.

This trifold will be in the question and answer format. Some answers will be provided by the club while others will be generic in nature.



**Q.** What is the history of the club?

**Q.** What is expected of us as club members?

**Q.** Are there other clubs with new dancers?  
Will we be able to dance with them?

**Q.** What is a “Mother Club or Home Club”?

**A.** Explain that your club brought the new dancers into the wonderful world of square dancing. They should go to dance at as many other clubs and square dance events as they like and as often as they are able. They should always remember however to come home and support their “Mother Club or Home Club” and dance there regularly.

**Q.** What is a Square dance weekend?

**Q.** What is Banner Stealing or Banner Raid  
And Banner retrieval?

**A.** Explain how your club goes on a raid or banner stealing and what you do. Let them know this is a friendly way for clubs to visit one another. Also let them know that this is sometimes done differently in other areas.

**Q.** How should we dress for the club  
Dances?

**Q.** How should we dress on weekends, State  
or National Square Dance events?

**A.** Dress Code is flexible and depends on the event being sponsored. The sponsors set the Dress Code for their individual functions and monitor and enforce the code as they may desire. For additional information Also see Booklet B074 “A Club Guide to Successful Lessons”.

**Q.** What other dance programs are available  
to me?

**A.** Plus, Advanced, and Challenge.

**Q.** How long should we dance at the  
mainstream program?

**A.** At least one year or until you are  
comfortable with that program.

**Q.** What is Round Dancing?

**A.** Round dancing is choreographed  
ballroom dancing.

**Q.** Are there various programs in Round  
Dancing?

**A.** 1. Yes, the programs are broken  
Down into Phase 2 through 6.

2. There are various rhythms:  
Two Step, Waltz, Rumba, and  
Fox Trot to name a few.

3. Lessons are required to learn the  
steps.

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# SQUARE DANCERS INSURANCE PROGRAM

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## USDA USA TRAVELER

Goal:

To attend a club dance, a state or national convention, or a local festival in all 50 states.

Rules: A badge and a bar will be awarded to the participant(s), at no charge to them, after they have visited at least 12 states, and have a form signed and returned to USDA to be verified. Additional different colored bars will be awarded as follows:

12 states - Red bar    24 states - White bar  
36 states - Blue bar    48 states - Silver bar  
50 states - Gold bar

No duplication of states is permitted. You must visit each of the 50 states.

Badges and bars will be presented at the annual USDA meeting that is held during the annual National Square Dance convention.

Any participant who visits 48 or 50 states will also be awarded paid admission(s) to the next National Square Dance Convention.

USDA will maintain records of all participants so you may check to see which states you have or have not visited.

Participants traveling as a couple only need to fill out one form, with both names on it.

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## NEW DANCER'S QUESTIONS



This information sheet was developed by the Education Committee of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. and will provide an outline of questions a new dancer might ask and some answers. This trifold will be of help to club leaders by suggesting some information to give to new dancers about the square dance activity.

Leadership Education material can also be printed from USDA web site at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org)

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