

BANNER ETIQUETTE

The object of banner stealing is to promote friendship among square dance clubs and improve the square dancer by dancing with various callers. The following is a composite set of suggestions:

1. 2 squares (8 or more couples from the same club) is required to steal a banner.
 - a. Seek out and introduce banner stealing group early in the evening to club president.
 - b. If two clubs arrive the same night, the club from whom the banner will be retrieved first, will be decided on a flip of a coin. Both clubs will be credited with stealing the banner.
2. 2 full squares (8 or more couples from the same club) is required to retrieve a banner.
It is not recommended to retrieve and steal a banner on the same night.
3. Banner stealing shall be limited to regular open dances; not festivals, Jamborees and etc.
4. Permanent club signs shall not be taken, only traveling banners. Something simple with club name and location is sufficient.
5. A club should not steal another club's banner if they do not have one of their own.
6. Articles of personal property (ties, belts, scarfs, pantaloons and etc.) should not be taken in lieu of a traveling banner.
7. A club shall not steal another clubs banner more than twice in one season.
8. If a banner has not been retrieved by the end of the season, the visiting club should return it to the club from which it was taken. The traveling banners should have in a packet or its container the the name & address of the person to whom the banner should be returned.
