

Welcome to the Rockin' Jokers Square Dance Club.

The Rockin' Jokers is a Plus level dance and social club. We invite couples and singles to dance with us. Most club nights we have a round dance cuer and enjoy round dancing between square dance tips.

The governing body of The Club is a Board of Directors, which is comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors, and the immediate Past President.

As a member of The Club, you are obligated to pay monthly dues and dancer insurance. Dues are due and payable on the first dance night of each month. All members of The Club are required to have dancer insurance and you may be assessed the cost of this insurance separately from your dues.

As a Member, you are also expected to serve The Club as part of a workgroup, referred to as a Duty Square, to which you are, or soon will be, assigned and to assist at The Club's dance nights and hoedowns, such as Circus-Circus and the HOoooDown. Your duty square service will rotate with others throughout the year. If you are unable to serve when your group has the assigned duty, you will need to trade with someone from another duty square to insure adequate coverage is available.

Members are asked to bring treats for party night, and will be asked to help and to bring food to other club events and hoedowns. All Members are also encouraged to participate in the general activities of The Club, both social activities and dance related, and from time to time serve on committees to plan and carry out these activities.

The Club colors are red, white, and black. Currently, there is no specifically designated club outfit. We wear club colors on party nights and to hoedowns that The Club attends as a group.

Normal dance attire is long sleeves for the guys and square dance or prairie skirts for the gals. During the hot summer months, the club dress code is relaxed.

A club logo patch and shirts are available for purchase. Many members have a jacket displaying our club logo. Access to a source of these items and embroidering is also available. If you desire assistance in obtaining any of these items, ask any club officer for more information.

Members of The Club wear a club badge at all weekly club and club-sponsored dances. We ask all members to wear their name badges because square dance etiquette dictates we call people by name. Lapses in square dance etiquette could subject you to a friendly visit by our Sheriff.

During club dance nights, the President will spend a few minutes letting us know the upcoming events, news about club members, and what other events of interest are happening in the local square dance community.

In summary, the governing body makes sure we have a place to dance, have a caller and cuer and handles club business. The duty square makes sure the hall is set up and restored to normal conditions. It is the primary duty of all Members to make sure you and others are all safe and to have a good time.

The By-Laws and Standing Rules, containing additional insight into The Club, are available on The Club website. A copy of these documents may be obtained by contacting the President. Members may also peruse club information, local dance event links, and club calendar by logging onto The Club website at www.rockinjokers.com.

Always remember that when you are out-and-about in the community or anywhere in the world and you are dressed in our club colors, replete with badges and ribbons, you represent The Club and square dancing as a whole. Be courteous and friendly to those you encounter.



**A PLUS-LEVEL
COUPLES & SINGLES
SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

**WEDNESDAYS
7:30 PM to 10:00 PM**

**CAMBRIAN PARK
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
1919 Gunston Way
San Jose, CA**

**\$13/month per member
\$5/night per guest**

The following are included here to document the culture of square dancing tradition:

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SQUARE DANCING

1. You will Square Dance only for the fun that you will find in it.
2. You shall not be a snob by considering yourself too good to dance with any and all by sitting out mixers, or by leaving a square lest you be required to dance with those you deem unworthy of your talents, for the gods of retribution will visit mischief upon you and you will be the one to goof in the square.
3. You shall be exuberant, but shall act your age. Do not offend others by your high flung legs, out flared skirts, or by overzealous endeavors to help others who may hesitate by pulling, grabbing, or pushing upon them or speaking loudly to them.
4. You shall go abroad and dance to other callers so that your opinions expressed as to the merit of this one and that one are based on fact.
5. You shall be conscious of the feelings of those around you, and shall not let the stranger in your midst sit on the sidelines nor fail to speak to him or her.
6. You shall bathe diligently, that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of your associates. You shall similarly take care that the words of your mouth are not scented with strong smelling herbs such as garlic, or strong smelling beverages such as beer. Men shall wear long sleeved shirts so that their arms may be more pleasant to grasp.

7. You shall guard carefully the utterances from your lips while dancing, lest you add confusion to your square and cause yourself or others to not hear the next call, for there is but one designated caller in the hall.

8. You shall honor your club and give your loyalty, for if you cannot do this, it would be better to separate yourself from the club and join yourself to another whose members, caller and operational methods are more to your liking.

9. You shall not kill your club by bickering and fault finding, or by pointing fingers of blame for errors in dancing or club operation, at any member or fellow dancer, for, in so doing, such a finger may thus be due in your direction.

10. You shall never forget that you were once a beginner and that others helped you to become a good dancer by tolerating your mistakes. You shall always remember that if you are to be able to continue in square dancing for a long time there must always be beginners and new dancers joining your hobby, and they need your patience and assistance.

(Author unknown)

**Square Dancing
is
Friendship Set to Music**

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Welcomes You



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