Marketing Square Dancing

Primary Goal – To introduce and give more people the opportunity to experience the joys of square dancing and the social fun that surrounds it

<u>Secondary Goal</u> – To introduce your club and all of its members to the friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and other acquaintances of the members, and enjoy a meal, good company, social interaction, and fun along with dancing

<u>Goal # Three</u> – To give those that so desire an opportunity to join a class and learn to square dance at some future time

Having A Dance Party

- 1. Seriously develop a list called, "Friends of Your Club" and actively keep it up to date
- 2. Schedule at least two to four Dance Parties a year
- 3. They can be events that your club already schedules (i.e., Holiday Party, Club Picnic etc.)
- 4. A Dance Party can also be a fund raising event (Cause Marketing)
- 5. Dance Parties can have a theme with decorations for "atmosphere"
- 6. Print invitations and send them to everyone one the "List"
- 7. Have invitations available for all of your members to pass out
- 8. Arrange to have food
- 9. Have your club members dress like your guests to blend in and be more a part of the group
- 10. Have all guests sign in, provide their name, address, phone number, email info and have BIG name tags for everyone
- 11. Play a mixing game or two that allows people to get to know others
- 12. Encourage your members to actively introduce people they know to others
- 13. Welcome everyone as if they were guest in your home
- 14. Organize raffles, "split the pot", silent or regular auctions if having a fund raising event
- 15. Have music playing in the background
- 16. No need to have your club give a demonstration or have their own tips
- 17. Start dancing with a Big Circle and keep all dancing very simple
- 18. Play a wide variety of music promoting the diverse music in square dancing
- 19. Make sure your club members actively bid farewell and thank the guests for attending
- 20. The entire event is about **HAVING FUN!**

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