

BANNER TRADING GUIDELINES

“Banner Stealing” or “Banner Nabbing” was originated to encourage club visitations. Clubs in Mt Baker Council have begun to adopt another aspect of this fun activity. They are providing “Traveling Banners” to other Clubs who arrive with at least a full Square of Dancers. Therefore, the following guidelines are offered to guide us all in this newly defined activity.

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1. Participating Clubs should have several “Traveling Banners” that are permitted to be given by the Club to visiting Clubs. The Club’s official banner could be used, but it is not recommended, as this master banner should be available for display at each club function and not hanging in some other Club’s hall.
2. To obtain another Club’s banner or retrieve your own banner, the visiting Club must attend a regular dance of the host Club with at least one full square representing your Club.
3. The visiting Club should arrive within one hour of the scheduled start time, announce the intent to obtain a Traveling Banner, and remain for the last tip. The visiting Club may be in attendance due to a scheduled or unscheduled caravan.
4. To obtain a host Club’s banner and also retrieve your own banner at the same time requires two full squares from the visiting Club.
5. When two or more Clubs arrive at the same dance to obtain a banner, and there are not enough banners to go around, the Club(s) that has traveled the farthest is/are entitled to take the banner. If the Clubs have traveled the same distance, the Club that arrives first with one full square is entitled to the banner.
6. Clubs may call ahead to find out if the banner is available, but the banner may not be reserved.
7. Only the banner of the Club visited may be given by the Club. Give no other banners. No I. O. U.’s or rain checks should be given, as visitation is the purpose of banner trading.
8. A banner may be given only at a regular Club dance. No banner may be given at a Club’s special dance (anniversary dance, etc).
9. The utmost in care should be given a Traveling Banner. All Traveling Banners should be displayed at each Club dance.
10. Retrieve your own Club’s banner before accepting a banner from the Club being visited. If you already have a Traveling Banner from the Host Club, do not accept a second banner from that Club until the first has been retrieved.
11. Do not over-patronize a select few Clubs. Spread your Club visitations around, including the out-of-town Clubs.
12. The same visiting Club may not accept more than one banner in any one night.
13. A Club Officer should present the Club’s “Traveling Banner(s)” to the qualified visiting Club(s).
14. If a Traveling Banner is not retrieved, the banner should be returned to its original owners at the Caravan Chairmen Meeting in June.
15. Maintain a record of your Traveling Banner(s) and which Clubs have them so your Club can retrieve them in a reasonable amount of time.