

**CALIFORNIA SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL, INC.**  
**REPORT FROM THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 11, 2002

**GREEN FOLDERS:** Each sitting president and/or representative, plus the Council's chair officers, have been given a green folder (*think of the infamous "yellow" folders turning "green" with envy because they don't get to tell you about the Youth activities!*) with several important pieces of information. We plan to be a hard-working and active committee, and in an effort to keep the Council meetings moving right along, we plan to give you written reports and documentation. Please take the opportunity to review this material and share it with the members in your association. We will be providing you with forms we would like you to duplicate and distribute to your members, including publicity pieces, newsletters, applications and other, what we hope will be valuable, information in our efforts to promote youth square dancing throughout the state. But, it our efforts won't do any good unless you do your part, which is to share the information we provide you. This bright green folder will help you keep it right at your fingertips! Keep it handy, pass it along when you leave office, and above all, **USE IT!!!**

**YOUTH CLUB/DANCER LISTING:** In the Council's Bylaws, the job description for our Committee states we are to keep track of all youth clubs in the state, as well as all of the youth dancers. We have begun the process of developing this list and ask the assistance of all members and friends of Council to help us complete and maintain the database. A form has been included in your green folder that we would like you to distribute to all of the clubs in your association. There are actually two separate forms on the sheet – one asking for information on youth, family and youth-friendly clubs; and one asking for information on youth dancers themselves. As a definition, "YOUTH" clubs would be those clubs that only accept youth members; "FAMILY" clubs are those where the majority of their members are families with bylaws that clearly set the age limit to include youth dancers; and "YOUTH-FRIENDLY" clubs that are adult clubs welcoming youth dancers, **and**, for the purposes of this listing, have **at least one** current youth dancer as a member. (*Many clubs welcome youth dancers but have none as members. Listing all of them would be entirely too cumbersome.*) Please forward information as you get it as we will update this listing quarterly.

**YOUTH PAGE ON COUNCIL WEB SITE:** Council's webmaster Mickey Manning has agreed to create a Youth page on the Council's website. The first piece of information to be posted will be the USDA Scholarship Application Form. Next, he is setting up an e-mail address through the website so that youth dancers can contact the committee directly about youth information. Youth Chair Bonnie Abramson has established the address [CAYouthSgrs@aol.com](mailto:CAYouthSgrs@aol.com) which will be used to send out information to youth dancers around the state. We plan to use these two forums to distribute the following information:

1. Youth Square Dance Competition, inc., dates, times, rules, etc.
2. Listing of youth clubs, family clubs and youth-friendly clubs that have at least one youth dancer as a club member.
3. Events for youth dancers at the State Convention.
4. A quarterly newsletter for youth dancers, prepared in large part by a youth dancer.
5. An e-mail network of youth dancers so they can continue friendships they've made with other youth around the State; set up meeting places at various festivals they are attending, etc.

Emma Jellesed, a youth dancer from Sacramento, has also volunteered to help keep the website updated on youth activities. We are aware that anything posted will need to be reviewed by the Publications Review Committee, so we will try to set our deadlines accordingly to keep things posted in a timely manner.

**CALIFORNIA YOUTH SQUARE DANCE COMPETITION:** Please see separate written report on the 2002 competition.

**CALIFORNIA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP:** Please see separate written proposal.

Youth Advisory Committee  
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