



Square Dance in Sweden

- Square Dance came to Sweden in the late 1970's via Brazil and Saudi Arabia
- Many clubs date back to the early 80's



2020

- SAASDC (Swedish Association of American Square Dance Clubs) organizes 3346 dancers in 108 clubs
- SACT (Swedish Association of Callers and Teachers) has 75 members. There are no professional callers.

- **Square Dance clubs are owned by the members and run by a board. Quite often, but not always, the main caller will attend the board meetings.**
- **The club organizes courses and dances and hires callers for the different events.**
- **Being a member of a club gives you accident insurance.**



- A club night usually lasts for 3 hours with different levels before and after the 20 minute coffee break.



- We have a lot of single dancers, mostly women, so quite a few learn to dance as left hand dancers.
- We only dance Square dance so we get in quite a few tips each evening.

- We dedicate one year each to Basic, Mainstream and Plus.
- We graduate our dancers after Basic.
- Dancers are expected to be able to dance 1/2 sachayed and to dance calls from many different positions before they learn a new level.
- All calls are taught according to Callerlab definitions.
- After all the calls have been taught the lessons are used for "dansträning" i.e. dance training.

