

## Lesson 2: Uke'an Play C Chords

**Lesson Date:** Tuesday, November 8th, 2016

**Course:** Ukulele Instruction

**Lesson Title:** Uke'an Play C Chords

**Level:** Beginner

**Arrival:** 4:10 (for tuning & set-up)

**Lesson Duration:** 4:30 - 5:30

**Lesson Objectives:**

- Review rules of group/handling ukulele
- Review frets and strumming
- Introduce the C chord (extra time: introduce Am)
- Members will strum/sing along to 2 songs

**Preparation:**

- Include requested songs in song binder
- Arrive 20 minutes early to set up class
- Tune ukuleles for Members
  - Involve Members by asking that they bring you the ukulele they want to use for the lesson and showing them how you're tuning the ukuleles.
- Print out C Chord Handout

**Instruction Outline:**

- Introduction
  - Take roll call
  - Use sticky notes to label ukulele bags
  - Communicate that Members will be responsible for taking care of their instrument and putting it back in its bag at the end of the lesson.
- Ask who remembers #1 Rule "Don't touch the tuners"
  - Review when teaching, ukes are down
- Strumming Review
  - Who remembers strumming from last class?
  - Who wants to strum along to the songs you requested?
  - group sing/strum along
- Take songs further with the C Chord
  - First, show Members the C Chord by playing it yourself
  - Explain verbally where chord is by using terms: fret and strings
    - 4th string, 3rd fret
  - Then go around individually to help Members who appear to be struggling
  - Use C Chord Handout as visual aid
  - Introduce Am Chord to Members who understand C
- Play C Chord Switch Game

- Practice songs again using C chord when possible
- Practice singing / playing chords as group
- Extra time:
  - Teach F chord in the songs

### **Activities:**

- Strum Game:
  - Instruct Members to strum on certain counts
  - Say, "Strum down every time I say 8: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8." Continue with 4 and 8, then even numbers, etc.
- Fret Game:
  - Game to find the frets the fastest. Call out Fret #'s and Members will race to identify them first.
  - Use Strum Game and Fret Game to progress to Switch Game using strum game because Members are familiar should be familiar with these 2 games already
- C Chord Switch Game
  - Go back and forth between the C chord and no chord
  - If Members are struggling, use as an opportunity to review the C chord again
- Group sing/strum along
  - Invite members to play C chords in the songs

### **Key Vocab:**

- Strumming
- Frets
- Chords
- Tuners

### **Materials / Equipment:**

- Ukulele Tuner
- 15 Tuned Ukuleles
- Chairs
- Ukulele Song/Handout Binder

### **Additional Information:**

- Taught in Learning Center (large room)
- Attendance: 6 Members

### **Ukulele Teaching Tips:**

- Members will make the connection between playing chords and playing songs if they are encouraged to learn a chord and then play that chord during the songs