

## **TIPS FOR BEGINNERS (and reminders for the rest of us)**

- 1. Chording hand thumb on the back slightly below the nut.**
- 2. Strings facing out, not up.**
- 3. Chording finger tips straight down on the strings, not laying on the strings.**
- 4. Strumming:**

**a. If you are strumming with your thumb, the fingers of the strumming hand should be anchored on the uke, moving only your thumb smoothly acrossed the strings.**

**b. If you are strumming with your index finger, your lower arm should be straight in line with the strings and stay there, strum by moving only your wrist to move the finger smoothly acrossed the strings. Think of painting, finger nail acrossed the strings on the down stroke and the pad of the finger acrossed the strings on the up stroke.**

### **HINT:**

**This is not "Rocket Science" but should be practiced in the beginning, bad habits are difficult to break.**

**Another good thing to do as you practice the above tips, hum or sing as you practice strumming, don't worry about the chord (by the way, you tie a package with a cord, you play a uke with a chord) just practice the rhythm and the beat as you strum.**

**And remember, anything worth while takes a while to master...**

**Practice, practice, practice...**