

Tam Twirlers of Marin Newsletter May 2010



The Pres Presents

As the month of May begins we are preparing for our beginner's graduation on Wednesday, June 2nd. A pot luck dinner at 6:30 PM followed at 7:30 PM with an evening of sentiment, fun and lots of surprises. Wonder what Eric has up his sleeve?

Yes, we are DARK on Wednesday, May 5, and back to dancing on May 12.

The nominating committee composed of Jerry Kerby, Jeanice McGee and Gen Sheppard have prepared the Slate of Officers and it will be posted on our table during May. We will vote on Wednesday, June 2 – the new term begins July 1.

Isn't the club doing some exciting things with the new hall and dancers!

Your President, Janet

No Dancing May 5th

See above. The Rod and Gun Club is having a Cinco de Mayo event.

Graduation June 2nd

As Janet also notes above, it's here!! Time for our hard-working students to celebrate their accomplishments. Be sure and come – this is when we will all dance as full-fledged members for the first time.

New Board Takes Over in July Volunteers Encouraged to Apply

The nominating committee has talked with most members about serving on the next Board, but if anyone else is interested, please

see Jerry Kerby; nominations stay open until the election in June. Volunteers so far are:

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Janet Sayles

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Art Reichert

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Mary Carter & Brad Christie

Membership

Jeanice McGee

NCSDA Representative

Bob Sheppard

Class Coordinator

Jerry Kerby

Hospitality

Gen Sheppard

Fun and Games/Sheriff

Brad Sayles

Nominating committee members are Jerry Kerby, Jeanice McGee, and Gen Sheppard. This is a tough job so they deserve a great big "THANK YOU"

Anniversary Hoedown June 19

Mark your calendar for our 32nd anniversary hoedown featuring Eric Henerlau and John Marshall. Full details in our June newsletter.

Parking Lot Light Setup

For those setting up at 6:30, please remember to turn on the parking lot lights when it starts to

get dark. They are on the instruction list, but it's easy to forget now that it's light at 6:30.

Upcoming Dances

**Adobe Squares and Singles & Pairs
Plus Hoedown, Saturday, May 1, 8–10:30
Monroe Hall, Santa Rosa**

Jointly sponsored by the two clubs, this Plus dance features caller George Knox from Livermore. Up and coming cuers Bud and Marlene Gooch will cue the round dancing. Pre-rounds from 7:30 to 8. Plus dancing from 8-10:30 with two rounds between tips. Monroe Hall has a great wood floor and atmosphere: 1400 West College Ave., Santa Rosa. For more information see Art and Elaine Reichert.

Upcoming Festivals

**Tam Twirlers to Take Part in Grand March
At the Golden State Roundup, May 7 – 9**

Yes, it's here! Our Northern California Square Dancers' Association's 57th roundup. Callers are Bob Baier (Stafford, Texas); Chicago's Sandie Bryant; Vic Ceder (Los Olivos); and Steve Edlund (British Columbia). Round dance cuers are Ron and Mary Noble. For room reservations at the San Ramon Marriott check online at www.marriott.com or call 1-800-228-9290. Check the desk for free parking if staying; 50% off otherwise. Flyers are on our table. You can go for any combination of one to three days.

Big difference for our club is that for the first time in many years those going are planning to take part in Saturday evening's Grand March (when a number of clubs line up to march into the main dance hall.) Most taking part have special club outfits to distinguish themselves. Well, we may no longer have the official Tam Twirler outfits that our club used to have ("Outfits? We don't need no stinkin' outfits!") But we have something they don't have thanks to Gen Sheppard – BEANIE HATS WITH REAL PROPELLARS!

This will be quite a fashion statement, so don't miss out on this event. And just think – years from now just like Henry V's speech to his

troops at Agincourt, we will be able to pull out our beanies every May, show our scars, and say, "WE WERE THERE!"

If any student or member is planning to attend Golden State this year and hasn't purchased one of the colorful beanies, be sure to see Jerry Kerby on any Wednesday night. Cost is \$12. They are adjustable but come in two basic sizes – large and extra large.

63rd Annual Silver State (Reno)

Mainstream thru Challenge

Grand Sierra Resort, May 28 – 30

Two weeks later than usual because of hall conflicts and switching dates with Golden State, this festival bills itself as "The longest continuous running festival in the country." One need say no more than that it is in Reno and that everything is in one place. Callers this year are Bronc Wise, Darryl Lipscomb, and Jet Roberts. Two pairs of cuers: Kristine & Bruce Nelson; Radka & Steve Sandeman.

For more info and to order ribbons go to www.squaredancenevada.com/festhome.htm where you can save time by registering online. Call 1-800-648-5080 for Grand Sierra Resort rooms: mention "fest-10" to get the \$75 rate.

Class Act

Jeanice McGee

We are nearly done with the Plus program. And then it's practice, practice, practice! Graduation will be Wednesday, June 2nd. We will have some food, get new badges, and dance. A good time will be had by all. We want to see everyone there so mark your calendars. See you on the dance floor.

Other News

Mainstream Dancing

Little Here But More There

Here in the Bay Area there are almost no Mainstream clubs and so weekend dances focus on Plus. But there are other parts of the country where most clubs are Mainstream. Northwest Washington State clubs have a coordinator who lists hoedowns each week.

From her listing for a recent weekend in April here are the numbers of dances for each level:

Class Level	1
Mainstream	9
Mainstream/Plus	1
Plus	3
A2	1

A few years ago caller Nasser Shukayr was asked by a dancer at a Monroe Hall Plus hoedown to call a Mainstream level tip without telling anyone. He did and it was quite a spirited tip – only later did he point out what he had done. Surprisingly, no Plus dancer seemed to have noticed and no one complained. The big advantage for Mainstream clubs is that their classes are only 6 months long.

Who's Your Corner?

See if you can figure out who this month's mystery corners are. Answers are on page 4.

- This couple is well named because they not only like to travel but they even live on a street with a travel name. Their philosophy is simple: do the hard stuff now and then go to easier places as they age. Recent trips have included touring Morocco, several trips to Africa including a safari, and scuba diving in the Maldives off the coast of India. Next will be the Panama Canal. Their travel styles are sometimes the same like the African safari and sometimes different because while he may prefer scuba diving she prefers gambling and apparently does pretty well.
- Because they both had children from previous marriages, our corners have quite a brood on their hands now: 8 children, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.
- Born in Philadelphia, he moved with his family to northern New York. Fleeing the frigid winters, he joined the Air Force and came to Marin's Hamilton Field as an aircraft mechanic in 1960. After the Air Force he had a long and checkered career as an automobile mechanic, insurance salesman, dental equipment technician, Midas Muffler employee, Sears Service

Manager in Terra Linda, and even his own business (which he got out of when he learned that "the only way to make a million dollars in the auto business is to start with 2 million.") He ended up as a stationary engineer maintaining equipment at two hospitals, including Marin General. (The equipment was stationary, not him.)

- She is a fifth generation San Franciscan whose grandmother and grandfather not only survived the earthquake but purchased a house right afterwards. Working at Sears she came to Marin in 1972 when she was transferred to the Terra Linda store. Her job was managing the old Sears' cafeteria. When tired of supervising 22 part-time kids, she asked to be transferred to major appliances. The store manager told her no woman had ever worked there, that women "couldn't sell," that she would be solely on commission, and that she would be fired if she didn't make it. Well, she made the switch anyway and was still there 10 years later when she shifted to automotive (guess who she met there?)
- Our corners have their own special interests too. His are skiing and singing with the Emeritus Choir at College of Marin and the Serenaders, a group that travels to various long-term care and retirement facilities in Marin. Given his work background, he's also pretty handy when things break down and handy with a camera too.
- She is a serious tournament level bocce ball player who can be found on the San Rafael B Street Rec Center courts when in town. She also is part of a group of 7 female friends from high school days who not only all join together on their high school's alumni functions but also go on trips together.
- So who are these two world travelers and their travel street? For even more extra credit, what is his real first name?

May Birthdays

Marge Bowcock	Jennifer Goheen
Soni Farwell	Donna Rapport

Setter/Cleaner Uppers

If you can't come on your assigned date, please arrange a substitute and let our hospitality chair, Gen Sheppard (488-1827), know. Those assigned for a given month are asked to bring a treat for party night on the last Wednesday of the month.

SET-UP DUTIES: Arrive by 6:30 pm and get ice promptly from the bar. Fill the cooler, put out cups, snacks, and marking pen. Heat and light switches are in the back room if needed. If it is still light you can wait to turn on the parking lot lights, but no later than 8. Prop open the side door. If tables are set up, stack enough to leave room to dance. Set up chairs around the hall and the caller table on the stage. Set up the hospitality table with the guest sign-in book, member sign-in sheets, flyers, and solo rotation sheet. If it is hot, set out the fans stored in the supply closet room – one in the doorway of the side room and the other near the bar.

CLEAN-UP DUTIES: Empty the cooler, clean up cups and trash. Place flyers and other items in the plastic bin and then put it and all other supplies back in our supply closet; leave out tables and chairs. If the fans are out, return them and our extension cord to the storage closet room. When leaving, close all doors.

6:30 Setup

May 5 Street

May 12 Nelson/Steinberg

May 19 Clinton

May 26 Farwell

Jun 2 Mousley

Jun 9 Kerby

Jun 16 McGee/Ryan

Jun 23 Metzger

Jun 30 Sheppard

9:30 Cleanup

Ward

Van Herick

Angstenberger/Christie

Strawbridge/
Wallhagen (**Party Nite**)

Betts

Parker

Pharis

McComas/Rappaport

Reichert (**Party Nite**)

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★★★ And Your Corners Are ★★★

©Bob & Soni Farwell (street is Sea Way)©

Extra credit: his real first name is Kerlin

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