



*Tam Twirlers
Square Dancers of Marin
Newsletter
Spring 2017*



Dance Schedule Wednesday Squares & Rounds

Squares

Rod & Gun Club – Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, April 5, 12, 19, and 26, and May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

The current **Beginner** and **Mainstream** Classes will be wrapping up on **April 5**. Congratulations to everyone for being such great students and such nimble dancers. We have so much fun squaring up with you and hope you are having a great time as well! And thank you, Angels, for your enthusiasm in helping our new dancers!

Please keep dancing and join us for spring classes which will follow right on the heels of the winter session. Our wonderful caller, **Eric Henerlau**, will start teaching a new **Mainstream** class as well as a **Plus** class beginning Wednesday, **April 12**, and continuing for 12 weeks through **June 28**. Cost for the 12-week series is \$96. Full **Plus** dancing (until 9:50 p.m.) will follow classes per the schedule below:

Mainstream Class: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Plus Class: 8:00 – 8:45 pm.
Full Plus dancing: 8:45 – 9:50 pm

Round Dancing

Rod & Gun Club – Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, April 5, 12, 19, and 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Class is **6:00 -7:00 pm**.

Our fabulous cuers, **Dan and Allison Drumheller**, will be starting a new **Cha Cha** class (intermediate level) on **April 5** and continuing through May 10! They will also be teaching beginning **Tango** and **Jive** per the schedule below:

Cha Cha (Intermediate)	April 5 – May 10, 2017
Tango (beginners, no experience necessary)	May 17 – July 12, 2017
Jive (beginners, no experience necessary)	July 19 – Aug 30, 2017

Club News

Much of the following information is also discussed in detail in the super and comprehensive March 12, 2017 email sent out by our hardworking President, Tom Shores.



SAVE the date! **The Tam Twirlers 39th Anniversary Dance** will be on **Saturday, June 17, 2017**, at the San Rafael Rec. Center, 618 B Street, San Rafael, CA, featuring Caller **Buddy Weaver** along with **Eric!** And this year, we are excited that we will also be featuring **Round Dancing** with none other than our very own Cuers, **Dan and Allison Drumheller!** Barb Rogers will be organizing the event and will be looking for volunteers to help – stay tuned. We always have a fabulous time with great dancing and yummy food and it's a wonderful opportunity to showcase our club!



501(c)(3) nonprofit!! As you may remember, Tam Twirlers, on December 14, 2016, voted to change the Club's status from an unincorporated association to a nonprofit corporation with tax exempt status, i.e., 501(c)(3) status. Secretary Ann Shores recently reported to the Board that the IRS approved our status as a public charity effective **December 19, 2016**. Ann has also filed for approval from the California Franchise Tax Board. Among other benefits, donations to **Tam Twirlers Square Dancers of Marin, Inc.** are now **tax deductible!**



Capturing of the Golden Buckskin! Well, the crafty Caper Cutters were able to conjure up some stormy weather, thus foiling our plans for capturing the Golden Buckskin in February! But we have just discovered that the extremely fast **San Mateo Roadrunners** (beep-beep!) managed to race in and make off with the buckskin despite the efforts of Wile E. Coyote. So now we are shifting gears and planning to capture the Golden Buckskin sometime in April (actual date TBD), with the help of ACME Corp., of course!



San Francisco Pride Parade Beer Booth Fundraiser, Sunday, June 25 – Our **Foggy City** square dancing friends are again giving us the opportunity this year to raise money for the Twirlers by sharing their beer booth with us at the Pride Parade. We helped last year and were able to raise \$766 for the Club! It was an incredible “only-in-SF” experience that was tons of wild and crazy fun (making the hard work worthwhile)!



Demo Dance At the Marin County Fair, Saturday July 1 - The Twirlers will once again be performing a demo dance at the Marin County Fair to help promote square dancing and to have a great time! We did this last year and it was more fun than

catching a greased pig! We will be dancing on the “**Three Twins**” (ice cream) stage at **2:00 p.m.**



Demo Dance At the Corte Madera 4th of July Parade – Since we will be warmed up from the Marin County Fair, we will also be performing a demo dance in the street in front of the parade viewing stands. We will be able to show off for several tips before the parade reaches us!



Bocce Ball Fund Raiser, Sunday, July 9 – Membership Coordinator **Marilyn Ryan**, who also happens to be a Marin Bocce Federation member, was able to snag a couple of coveted Bocce courts for us at the Federation’s facilities at 550 B Street in San Rafael on **Sunday, July 9**. Marilyn is coordinating the fun half-day fundraiser/bocce/picnic! Plan on some not-so-serious competition. Thanks, Marilyn!!




The next **Tam Twirlers Board meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Tom and Ann Shores. Club members are always welcome and if you would like to attend, please contact Tom or Ann.

Golden Doors Hoedown for Newer Dancers (September and January Classes) – Sunday, April 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m. – **The Northern California Square Dancers Association (NCSDA)** is holding this hoedown particularly for newer square dancers. This is a great opportunity for you to experience a dance and show off your new skills! **Eric Henerlau** will be calling so you know it’s going to be a great time! The dance will be held at Morello Park Elementary School, 1200 Morello Park Drive, Martinez, CA.

Golden State Roundup, Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28. Don’t miss the **NCSDA’s** huge festival hoedown in San Ramon! This is a wonderful opportunity to get in lots of floor time at the Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and C1 levels. There are 4 featured callers, including our own **Eric Henerlau**, and the Round Dancing for the event is being coordinated by our own **Dan and Allison Drumheller!** The event will be held at the San Ramon Marriott (rooms should be reserved through the NCSDA). This is the last year that the festival will be in San Ramon, so come on out and support the NCSDA and the Twirlers (we are an NCSDA member club) and have a great time!

Club Party Nights

As you probably know, the last Wednesday evening of each month is Club Party night! For Wednesday, March 29, we will be celebrating **March Madness!**  with the rest of the sports-minded country! To make it more interesting, email me with your list of the “Final Four” by Saturday, 3:09 p.m. PDT, March 25, 2017. (I know, not much notice, but there will only be the “Elite 8” left). The best prognosticator will win a batch of cookies!

Upcoming Dancing!

Please see the attached spreadsheet for upcoming dances! If you want to print it, use "landscape" format. For any comments or suggestions, contact Barb Rogers. Also, check out www.ncsda.com/ and www.scvsda.org/ !

Setup and Cleanup Schedule

Date	Setup	Cleanup
March (2017)		
3/1	Rothman	Sayles
3/8	Shores	Schuster/Solomon
3/15	Tietze	Bruce/Irvan
3/22	Bowcock/McClanahan	Christie/Jones
3/29*	Davidson/Gomoll	Ehni
April (2017)		
4/5	Ferrario	Parker
4/12	Gurich/Baker	Prudhomme
4/19	Martien/Whala	Rogers
4/26*	Kanat/Somers	Sayles
May (2017)		
5/3	Bellings-Kee/Kee	Schuster/Solomon
5/10	Rothman	Christie/Jones
5/17	Shores	Ehni
5/24	Tietze	Parker
5/31*	Bowcock/McClanahan	Prudhomme

*Party Night: All Setter-Uppers and Cleaner-Uppers bring snacks to share on party night. We encourage anyone who wants to bring snacks to do so as well. March 29 is **March Madness!** Party night.

Setup: Arrive at 6:30 p.m. **Cleanup** starts around 9:40 p.m. to make sure we are all out of the hall (actually, out the gate!) before 10:00 p.m. Directions for Setup and Cleanup are on the cupboard door where the supplies are stored.

Note: If you are not able to keep your scheduled date, please arrange to trade with another person. If you can't find someone, please contact Barbara Rogers (until we have a new Hospitality coordinator).

Officers

President: Tom Shores
Past President: Janet Sayles
Vice President: Barbara Rogers
Treasurer: Brad Christie
Secretary: Ann Shores
Membership: Marilyn Ryan
Class Coordinator: Deborah Levin
Publicity: Deborah Levin
Hospitality: currently vacant
Sheriff, Fun & Games: Brad Sayles

Happy Birthday!! 

March – Tom Shores, Terry Kee, Chris Tietze

April - Nigel Bruce, June McClanahan, Judy Rothman, Brad Sayles, Ann Shores

May – Marge Bowcock, John Ehni, Jolie Kanat

See you on the dance floor!