

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club Of Marin Newsletter

August 2010



The Pres Presents BBQ and Board Changes

Save This Date -

Thank you Bob & Soni Farwell for inviting our current club members to a BBQ at your home on Saturday, August 21st at 2:00 PM. The club is securing the meat. The sign-up sheet for the rest will be coming out Wednesday, August 4th.

We had to say good bye to our Vice President Art Reichart as he and Elaine are taking a leave of absence. So in his place will be Gen Sheppard with Vita Drucker replacing Gen at Hospitality. "Ma & Pa Kettle" won't be the same!

Dan & Allison Drumheller are doing a great job teaching the rounds to us between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM on Wednesday nights and we have about 20 people attending.

Chow For Now!

Janet

Tam Twirler News

Board Openings & Closings

As noted in Janet's column, there have been several changes on the Board. Jeanice McGee has moved from her Membership position to fill the open Secretary slot. June McClanahan will replace her for Membership. Art Reichert resigned as Vice President and was replaced by Gen Sheppard, whose open Hospitality slot was then filled by Vita Drucker (whew!). See the last page for a current listing of all Board positions. Next Board meeting is scheduled for

10 AM Saturday, August 28th, at the home of Marge Bowcock.

Leaves and Telephone Numbers

Four members have gone on leaves of absence: Tom & Roselee Metzger, Art & Elaine Reichert. They join Sheila Angstenberger and Jennifer Goheen who are also currently on leave. Our Bylaws state that leaves of absence may be from 3 months to one year; anyone wishing to go on leave is required to submit a request in writing to the Membership chair (currently June McClanahan).

A single updated roster including all previous students who are now members will be available shortly.

August BBQ

Bob and Sony Farwell have graciously invited all Tam Twirlers to a BBQ at their home on Saturday, August 21st. In response to an obvious question, they do have a large back yard. Meat will be provided but guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets are on our table or will be shortly.

Round Dancing Continues

Dan and Allison Drumheller's round dancing class at the Rod and Gun Club has grown since it started at the end of June with over 20 dancers now taking part. Tam Twirlers make up

over half the class, but a variety of other dancers from other clubs have come as well. The class continues moving through Phase 2 steps and dances – folks even danced their first actual dance (everyone’s favorite “Frenchy Brown”) on the second class meeting.

Plans are to run the class until Labor Day, but if there is enough demand it may continue after that. Until Labor Day it will meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 except for August 4th when there will be no class. Cost is \$5 per person per class. Non-members taking the class are invited to stay for square dancing and only pay an extra \$5 rather than \$6. Dan and Allison live in Fairfield, cue for the Sacramento Singles, and regularly teach phase 2 – 6 round dancing.

Eric will cue some of the round dances being taught on breaks during the Plus dancing time.

Summer Schedule

6:30 – 7:30 Round dance class

7:30 – 8:00 Plus with review

8:00 – 9:30 Full Plus

Vita & James Go to 1st Hoedown And Witness a Proposal

New members Vita Drucker and James Marks, accompanied by Bill and Meg attended a newer dancer hoedown July 16th put on by the Martinez Swingers. In addition to the good dancing and elaborate decorations, a most unusual event occurred. During the break, a member of the Clutch Busters club in full Navy dress whites took the mike and publicly proposed to his Martinez Swingers sweetheart. Needless to say, she accepted. They had first met at a hoedown. Just goes to show what “friendship set to music” can sometimes mean.

Next Fall’s Beginner Class

No firm date in September yet on when it will start other than that it will be on Tuesdays

rather than Wednesdays. The Rod and Gun Club is free on Tuesday evenings except for one day each month – on that day the class will be invited to come on Wednesday instead.

Advantages for Tuesday night over Wednesday include increased class time to 90 minutes and possibility of staggered Mainstream and Plus classes so that a new class could start every 6 months. More Plus dancing time would also be available for members on Wednesday nights as well as possibly continuing the popular round dance class currently underway.

Early Open House

For anyone having friends they would like to introduce to square dancing before our own introductory night and classes starting in September, Martinez Swingers is putting on an open house to showcase square dancing on Wednesday, August 4th from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Martinez Adult Education School, Alhambra & F Street in Martinez.

July and August Dances

NCSDA Double-Feature Stampede

Saturday, July 31, 2-5 PM and 8-10:45 PM

Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson

Alameda Elk’s Lodge, Alameda

This is an unusual format: A2 in the afternoon from 2 to 5 PM and Plus in the evening from 8 to 10:45. Pre-rounds from 7:30 to 8 and an A1 Star Tip at 10:45. Callers are great -- Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. You can go for one session or both. Cost is really cheap -- \$5 for each session if you belong to an NCSDA club (which all Tam Twirlers do). Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda.

Jet Sets Plus and A2 Dance

Friday, August 6, 7:30 – 10:00

Jet Roberts Calling European Style

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge

Jet is putting on this one himself with an encore planned for Saturday, November 20. No breaks,

no rounds, just continuous square dancing with alternating Plus and A2 tips so no problem if you only want to dance one level – he'll energize you either way. Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek.

Jet is hoping to start regular monthly hoedowns using this same format in the Bay Area.

**Circles 'n Squares Tropical Party Hoedown
Saturday, August 14, 7–10:30**

**Joe Saltel Calling
Monroe Hall, Santa Rosa**

Texan Joe Saltel spends a week every August calling dances in Northern California. This is the closest one and has a tropical theme including special non-alcoholic tropical drinks. Dancers are encouraged to wear tropical outfits, so Ron Pharis will be right at home in his shorts. Jeanne Van Blarcum will do the cueing. Complicated dance schedule with Advanced and Rounds from 7 to 8, Plus with double rounds 8 to 10:30, final Advanced tip at 10:30. 1400 West College Ave., Santa Rosa.

**Martinez Swingers Advanced Hoedown
Saturday, August 21, 8:00 – 10:30 PM**

Eric Henerlau, Martinez Adult School

Here's one for our Advanced dancers. Eric Henerlau is calling with Charles & Joni Eskin cueing. Alternating A1 and A2 tips. The school is at the corner of F Street & Alhambra in Martinez. Take the Alhambra exit off Route 4 and go north to F Street. Turn right on F and then immediately right into the parking lot.

Looking Ahead to September

Circles 'n Squares will have a Plus dance at Monroe Hall on Saturday, September 11, with Nasser Shukayr calling and Bob Ensten (why is this name familiar?) cueing. Details were not available at press time but the usual timing for Circles 'n Squares' hoedowns is pre-rounds from 7 to 8, Plus squares from 8 to 10:30 with

double rounds at breaks, and often an Advanced star tip at the end.

Upcoming Festivals

Mid-Cal Classic – Plus & A2

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept 3–5

Jet Roberts and Bob Baier

Fairgrounds, Los Banos

Six Tam Twirlers attended this Labor Day weekend festival last year, and it's a good one. Super callers in Jet Roberts and Bob Baier. But dance levels are high, so be sure you are a strong Plus or A2 dancer if you go. Air conditioned hall, hardwood floor, and the preferred hotel (Vagabond Inn) is within easy walking distance. Single hall setting so Plus and A2 sessions alternate. To download flyers go to http://www.jetroberts.com/pdfs/2010/090310_MCC.pdf Los Banos is just east of I-5 on Route 152.

Yuba City Harvest Hoedown – All Levels

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct 22–24

Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds

This festival features great callers, workshops, introductory sessions, solo rotations, flexible packages, and reasonable prices. Callers for the festival's 51st anniversary include Tim Marriner, Jet Roberts, and our own Eric Henerlau. All levels from Newer Dancer to Challenge plus an introduction to round dancing. You can even take non-square dancing friends with you and enroll them in a beginner square dancing class on Saturday.

For those interested in attending, go to www.asdsc.org and first see if you can identify the cute Tam Twirler gal appearing in one of the four photos. Then click on Harvest Hoedown for an interactive flyer. Preferred hotel is the Bonanza, but check prices on-line at www.bonanzainnyc.com because at press time you could still beat the advertised \$78 dancer discount telephone registration rate.

August Birthdays

Bernie Bastian Sonza Van Herick
Bob Farwell Jim Ward
Jerry Kerby

Setter/Cleaner Uppers

If you can't come on your assigned date, please arrange a substitute and let our hospitality chair, Vita Drucker 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; get ice promptly from the bar because it closes shortly after 6:30. Fill the cooler, put out cups, snacks, and the marking pen. Heat and light switches are in the back room if needed. If it is still light, 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 one near the bar.

Clean-up Duties: Empty the cooler, clean up cups and trash. Place flyers and other items in the plastic bin and put it and 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. As you leave, close (but do not lock) all doors.

Schedule for the Next Two Months

	6:30 Setup	9:30 Cleanup
8/4	Sheppard	Van Herick
8/11	Nelson/Steinberg	Pharis
8/18	Drucker/Marks	Parker
8/25	Scott/Aftowicz	Moffett
9/1	Mousley	Betts
9/8	McGee/Ryan	McComas/Rappaport
9/15	Sheppard	Strawbridge/Wallhagen
9/22	Clinton	Sayles
9/29	Kerby	Hard

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