

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club Of Marin Newsletter October 2010



The Pres Presents

Fall is here and the holiday schedule has just begun!

Let's all support Hunter Keller at the Adobe Squares Dance, Saturday, October 2, 2010 at Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa. Ralph Parker is taking dinner reservations at Adels so see him if you would like to take part. To get there go right instead of left at the West College exit 0.2 miles to the restaurant which will be on your right at the intersection of College and Mendocino.

The first two classes of the Beginner's Introduction to Square Dancing on Tuesday nights has gone really well with Eric teaching, and they seem to be having fun. The last two classes in October will be held on Wednesday nights October 6th and 13th from 7:00 to 8:15 PM with Plus till 9:15 PM.

We hope to have Round Dancing with Dan Drumheller from 6 to 7 PM and between tips on those 2 nights as well – will keep you posted.

A haunting good time awaits us all at this year's annual Halloween Party Night on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Costumes encouraged. We look forward to seeing you!

Board meeting this coming Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Kerby's home 10:00 AM.

Bye For Now,

Janet

Round Dancing Tentative for October 6th and 13th

As Janet notes above, the round dance class led by Dan and Allison Drumheller may still be held

on October 6th and 13th before the Beginners' Introduction class if details can be worked out with the Rod and Gun Club and if enough class members agree to the earlier start at 6:00 instead of 6:30. Stay tuned for the final word which will be sent to everyone on the newsletter mailing list.

The class is nearly through the Level 2 two-step cues and can now dance the following classics:

Frankie Brown

Little White Moon

St. Louis Blues

Fiddle Stepper Polka (ok, sort of dance it)

Dance with the One

Cost is \$5 per person per class. Non-Tam Twirlers taking the class can stay for square dancing and only pay an extra \$5 rather than the usual \$6 guest fee. Dan has been staying after 7:30 to cue round dances during breaks, including those from the class.

Beginner Class Postponed

Attendance was good for the start of our beginner class last month but unfortunately the class will only continue through the first two weeks in October because of a change in scheduling policies at the Rod and Gun Club. Stay tuned for when it will resume.

October Wednesday Schedule Tentative October 6th & 13th

- 6:00 Round dance class
- 7:00 Beginner class
- 8:15 Open Plus tips to 9:15.

October 20th & 27th

- 6:30 Round dance class
- 7:30 Review Plus workshop
- 8:00–9:30 Plus tips with first four using computer cards

Computer Cards Continue In Use

In order to give all dancers equal chances at getting into a square and better integrate our members, we've been experimenting with using numbered computer cards to assign dancers to squares for part of each Wednesday evening. Here's how they work:

- Take ONE card per couple when signing in
- TURN THE CARD IN when you leave
- If you want to sit out a tip, please inform Eric *at the end of the preceding tip.*
- Singles rotation dancers should fill in the rotation sheet but have Beaus hold the card.

Member Rosters Distributed

The membership roster was sent by email to all Tam Twirlers in September. There are also printed copies available on Wednesday nights. A big thank you to Mary Carter, who once again took on the task of putting the roster together.

August BBQ Repeat?

Bob and Soni Farwell have offered to host another August BBQ next year. Given the good time folks had there this year, their gracious offer is sure to be accepted. To paraphrase a line from Casablanca, "This could be the start of a beautiful tradition."

October Dances

Adobe Squares/Singles & Pairs Hoedown
Saturday, October 2, 7:00–10:00

Hunter Keller, Monroe Hall Santa Rosa

Don't miss this guy – he won't be back until June. Hailing from Billings, Hunter Keller is a dynamic, young caller who's going places fast. As Ralph Parker pointed out, he looks darn good too. Pre-rounds at 7, Plus 7:30 – 10:00. See Janet's column on the first page if you would like to join other Tam Twirlers for a pre-dance dinner near Monroe Hall.

Martinez Swingers Rock 'n Roll Hoedown
Saturday, October 16, 7:30–10:30

Dick Henschel, Martinez Adult School

Martinez Swingers' 46th anniversary hoedown will have a rock 'n roll theme. One feature of the night will be a Sock Hop Dangle Tip at

about 9:15 when those who want can dance a short tip in socks and be eligible for a Sock Hop Dangle. There will also be dangles for ladies who wear poodle skirts. (Small charge of \$1.25 for dangles.) Pre-rounds at 7:30, Plus 8:00 – 10:30. Martinez Adult School, Alhambra and F St., Martinez. Take Alhambra exit from SR 4 and go about a mile north.

Redwood Rainbows/Saucy Squares

Annual Halloween Dance – Plus, Advanced
Sunday, October 31, 7-10:45 PM, Sebastopol

Last year's version drew rave reviews – lots of energy plus a spooky party atmosphere. Sponsored by the Redwood Rainbows and Sebastopol Saucy Squares with Steve Minkin calling. Something for everyone here with Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced dancing from 7:30 to 10:30. Costumes encouraged but not required. Wischemann Hall, 465 Morris Street, Sebastopol. Go to www.wischemannhall.com for directions if you haven't been there before.

Early November Dance

Skirts & Flirts LAST Black and White Ball
Saturday, November 6, 8:00–10:00

Mike Sikorsky, San Leandro

Say it ain't so! This will be the last annual Black and White Ball sponsored by the Skirts & Flirts who have featured Mike Sikorsky for many years. Pre-rounds at 8 with George Gardner, Plus 8:30 – 11:00. The hall has a hardwood floor so no high heels and only soft leather soles or tennis shoes. Black and White attire preferred.

Upcoming Festival

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, on-site meals, and reasonable prices. Callers this year include Tim Marriner, Jet Roberts, and Eric Henerlau. All levels from Newer Dancer to Challenge plus lots of round dancing. You can even take non-square dancing friends with you and enroll them in a beginner square dancing class on Saturday.

For more information including registration go to

www.asdsc.org and 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 by \$1.20.

Dance Tip

Casting Off Three Quarters

Lots of us have trouble knowing how far to go when casting off three quarters. Eric teaches counting walls (“one, two, three, stop” as you turn). Another way is to take a quick look to the wall at your left or right opposite the direction you are casting as you start turning and go around until you face that wall. A third is to think of the call as a trade plus going a quarter more. If these tips don’t work for you, here’s one to try from caller Lawrence Johnstone:

- Take 4 steps around as you cast off. Unless you take very small or large steps you will end up facing in the correct direction.

The “Go” Call

Used by Nasser Shukayr

At last month’s hoedown in Santa Rosa, Nasser Shukayr introduced the “Go” call. Dancers are first told that when the caller says, “Go” they are to do a right and left grand. Next time they are told to do a right and left grand followed by another call like “heads, square thru 4.” Then a third is added, and so on. At the end, all the caller has to say is “Go” and a relatively long sequence of calls follows. Tam Twirlers attending the hoedown said it was a lot of fun even when folks had to improvise about what was supposed to come next.

Brad Updates Taminations

Brad Christie keeps updating Taminations to make this wonderful program even better. The day after Eric called “Flutterwheel and roll” last month he had the call diagramed under “Anything and Roll.” If you haven’t recently explored all the program’s features, go to www.tamtwirlers.org, click on Calls with Taminations and enjoy.

Square Dancing Courtesies

Our Board asked that the following courtesy items be included in the newsletter. These will help all of us enjoy square dancing even more. If you have other courtesy ideas to share, please send them to Bill and Meg for future newsletters

1. Be a Good Listener: You can’t be talking or thinking of something else when the caller is calling. Not only does talking during a dance distract you, but it makes it difficult for others in the square to hear the calls.
2. Get Into Squares Quickly: Join the square NEAREST to you that needs a couple. It is considered bad form to pass a square needing dancers in order to fill another. And don’t commit the unpardonable sin: Never leave a square once you have joined it until the tip is over unless it is an emergency.
3. Be on Time: One late couple may mean that three other couples sit out.
4. Be a Thoughtful Dancer: We are in close contact with one another so a good deodorant and an effective mouthwash are among square dancers best friends. Please do not drink alcohol before or during a square dance
5. Be a Friendly Dancer: Get acquainted with others in the square and dance with as many different dancers each evening as you can.
6. You’re Never Through Learning: There is always something new to be learned or something that can be improved upon. Don’t hesitate to ask the caller if there is something you don’t understand. Others too shy to do so will be grateful to you.
7. Enjoy Yourself & Have Fun: You will be surprised how much your smile will pep up the entire square. Come to a square dance expecting to have a good time, and you will. Remember that when you clap at the end of a square, you’re applauding the caller and saying “thank you” to the others in the square.

Golden Rule: Be the dancer that you would like to have in your square.

October Birthdays

Sheila Angstenberger
Brad Christie

Janet Sayles
Meg Wallhagen

Setter/Cleaner Uppers

If you switch days with someone, please let Vita know so she can remind the appropriate people of their times. Please check the monthly newsletter for your times. The calendar is also posted by the front door. If you go on leave or a prolonged vacation, let Vita know in advance so she can schedule accordingly. Your participation and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Set-up: Please arrive by 6:30 to get the ice and water from the bartender. Put out the hand sanitizer, cups and snack mix. Arrange dance flyers on the long table where Brad sets up his computer for Taminations. If it is party night (last Wednesday of the month), set up a table for the food and set out napkins. In the colder months, fill the coffee pot with water and put out the tea bags, hot chocolate mix, etc. When you notice that supplies are running low, please let Vita know so she can pick up more. Arrange chairs around the perimeter of the dance floor. Set up table by the door for sign-in sheets, etc. When it gets dark early, please turn on the outside lights.

Clean-up: Police room for empty cups and other trash. Neatly place all supplies back in the bins in our cupboard. Chairs and tables can remain in place. Rod & Gun Club's janitor will take out the garbage, turn off the lights and lock up. But please remember to close ALL doors.

Schedule

	6:30 Setup	9:30 Cleanup
Oct 6	Street	Ward
Oct 13	Bowcock/McClanahan	Jones/Christie
Oct 20	Carter	Van Herick
Oct 27	Farwell	Pharis
Nov 3	Sheppard	Parker
Nov 10	Nelson	Betts
Nov 17	Drucker/Marks	Rapport
Nov 24	DARK for Thanksgiving Break	

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☺Feature returns next month☺

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