

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club Of Marin Newsletter November 2010



The Pres Presents

Our club did us well attending our annual Halloween Costume Party Night in fabulous costumes. Did you see Eric & Jennifer's costumes? Wow-excellent!



Before I say anything more, I have some thanks to make:

First to **Bill and Sybil** for arranging our new beginner class hall at Los Robles Mobile Home Park on Tuesday nights. Great hall. Come and check out a really nice place and be an angel – it's cool! To **Jeanice** for graciously taking over for Jerry as Class Coordinator and being there on Tuesday nights to welcome everyone. And to **Rick Clinton** for speaking on behalf of the Tam Twirlers at the Rod & Gun Club board meeting.

We all wish Jerry good luck on his recovery from by-pass surgery. Send cards and prayers.

Invitations will be going out very shortly for our club Christmas Dinner at Deer Park Villa on Friday, December 3, 2010. Gen Sheppard is in charge of the dinner.

Board meeting Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Sayles home.

We are dark Wednesday, November 24, and with that in mind Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Janet Sayles

New Location for Tuesday Class

The Tuesday beginner class has moved to its new home at the Los Robles Mobile Home Park Recreation Center, located on Roblar Drive off Nave Drive in Ignacio. Here's how to get there.

Going North on 101

Take Ignacio Blvd/Bell Marin Keys Blvd exit
Right on Nave, then immediate left on Roblar at
the Wells Fargo Bank
Follow Roblar into Los Robles
Rec Center is large building on your left

Going South on 101

Take Bell Marin Keys/Hamilton Field exit
Loop over the freeway on Ignacio Blvd
Right on Nave
Left on Roblar at the Wells Fargo Bank
Follow Roblar into Los Robles
Rec Center is large building on your left

November Dance Schedule Tuesdays

November 2, 9, 16, & 23

Los Robles Mobile Home Park Rec Center

- 7:00 – 8:30 Beginning square dance class

Wednesdays

November 3, 10, & 17

Rod and Gun Club

- 6:30 – 7:30 Round dance class
- NO ROUND DANCE CLASS NOVEMBER 3
- 7:30 – 8:00 Review Plus workshop
- 8:00 – 9:30 Plus tips with computer cards

November 24th

Dark – Happy Thanksgiving!

Class Act

Jeanice McGee

Welcome to our new students: Linda, Paul, John, Lucy, Rosalie, Marianne, Dawna, Jim, Paul, and Sharon. Most of our new students have danced before and are moving along quickly. Thank you to those of you who have come to be angels. We can always use angels. Come, check out our new hall, and stay to dance. You'll be glad you did.

Jeanice

Linda & Paul Breakstone	Novato
John & Lucy Davis	Novato
Rosalie Gawanlock	Novato
Sharon & Paul Prudhomme	Novato
Marianne Shaw	San Rafael
Dawna Stebbins & Jim Parker	San Anselmo

Harvest Hoedown Well Attended

Sixteen enthusiastic Tam Twirlers journeyed to Yuba City for Harvest Hoedown's Oct 22–24 weekend festival. Jet's opening Plus session was pure energy, flow, and fun. Eric's Plus DBD session the next day played to a full house (Tam Twirlers had a leg up on other dancers because we were prepared for his fractional calls and 2-couple drill.) Bill Silver's Saturday blast class attracted 6 squares of new dancers who did so well they are ready to join classes in progress. Only downer was the wet weather which caused problems for the Advanced Hall and driving home. Callers next year (Oct 21-23) are Randy Dougherty, Dan Nordbye, & Charlie Robertson.

4 Choices for November Dances

Singles & Pairs Plus Hoedown

Saturday, November 6, 8:00 – 11:00

Santa Rosa, Bill Silver Calling

Singles and Pairs is the club that just visited us on October 20th so let's send a group their way. Caller is Bill Silver from Sacramento. Plus except for Advanced tips from 7 to 7:30 and 10:30 to 11. Cued Jeannie Van Blarcum with pre-rounds from 7:30 to 8 and during breaks. Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa. Dancers are asked to bring a can or box of food to help those in need during the holidays.

Skirts & Flirts LAST Black and White Ball

Saturday, November 6, 8:30–11:00

San Leandro, Mike Sikorsky Calling

Say it ain't so! Last annual Black and White Ball by the Skirts & Flirts, who have shrunk to only one square. Mike Sikorsky has called this dance for many years. Pre-rounds at 8 with George Gardner, Plus 8:30–11:00 with one A-1 star tip. Hardwood floor so only soft leather soles or tennis shoes. Black & White attire preferred. Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro.

Clutch Busters Plus Hoedown

Saturday, November 13, 8:00 – 10:00

Martinez, Eric Henerlau Calling

Clutch Busters annual hoedown with Eric Henerlau calling Plus from 8 to 10:30. Cued Jeannie Van Blarcum with pre-rounds from 7:30 to 8 and during breaks. Murello Park Elementary School, 1200 Murello Park Dr., Martinez.

Jet Sets Plus and A2 Dance European Style

Saturday, November 20, 7:30 – 10:00

Jet Roberts, Walnut Creek Elks Lodge

Jet is putting on this one himself. European style like our June anniversary hoedown so no breaks, no rounds, just continuous square dancing with alternating Plus and A2 tips. Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek.

Early December Dance

Adobe Squares Plus

Saturday, December 4, 8-10:30 PM

Monroe Hall, Rick Hampton Calling

Rick Hampton is the caller. Pre-rounds at 7:30, Plus 8 to 10:30. Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave., Santa Rosa. Here is his dance philosophy (slightly edited for space):

"I believe in calling interesting, non-vanilla Choreography in an up-tempo presentation with quality music. I believe that every dancer should dance to a variety of callers. I believe that dancers have the right to choose where they will have the most fun and I encourage them to support those groups. I believe that Square Dancing is undergoing an image crisis and I'm actively working to improve the situation."

Upcoming Festival

2010 Winter Festival – Plus Thru Challenge Baiers/Story/Oxendine/Reitmayer/Henerlau King City, January 14 – 16

This popular festival attracts a number of Tam Twirlers. The usual callers (Bob Baiers, Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine) will be joined by John Reitmayer and Eric Henerlau. Cuers will be Sharon and Casey Parker along with Radka and Steve Sandeman. Plus, Advanced, and Challenge levels in three halls. Check our table for flyers or go to www.winterfestsqd.com. Hint: for this festival it is wise to make King City motel reservations a year ahead. You can always cancel if you change your mind.

Dance Tip

Anything And Roll

So simple, yet how often have we screwed it up? “. . . and Roll” can follow any call involving a turn at the end, such as Hinge and Role or Slide Thru and Role. We really need to pay attention to how Eric says to do the roll part (now there’s a novel idea!) Problems include not dropping hands following the first part of the call (which tangles you with your partner when you roll) and not staying in place on the roll (such as walking around in a circle and getting out of position rather than just turning). Of course, we must also get the direction right (same direction we were just turning). Here’s Eric’s advice:

- After the first part (such as the Hinge part of “Hinge and Roll”) DROP HANDS and turn one quarter turn in the same direction you were turning WHILE STAYING IN PLACE.
- If only some dancers are turning (as in “Ends Fold and Roll”) they and only they do the roll. Quick quiz: who would roll and who would not on “Load the Boat and Roll”?

It may help to think of the call as “and Pivot” because it really is a quarter pivot in place following the turn. Whatever we call it, the fun part is that it puts us in a different formation. Brad Christie has many of these variations under “Anything and roll” on Taminations. It’s a Plus call.

Going Beyond the Newsletter

The Newsletter features dances judged by the editors to be those Tam Twirlers are most likely to attend (although we are always open to suggestions.) Here are 7 other good sources. The last 3 are also available through our web site.

1. **Our Wednesday night table** has lots of flyers.
2. **SD-NORCAL** is a local list-serve announcing upcoming dances as well as other information and stimulating discussions including a recent one initiated by Eric on fostering dancing below the Plus level. To subscribe send a blank email to sd-norcal@yahoogroups.com. When you get a return conformation email reply "yes". To join discussions click “reply” to send your response out to everyone on the list. To reply individually to a sender, click on the “reply to addressee” link at the bottom.
3. **Squares ‘Round the Bay** is a monthly publication by Scott & Eric Byers with Bay Area hoedowns, classes, workshops, callers, cuers, and clubs. Available by subscription in print (\$20) or internet (\$15) form. Go to www.srtb.net.
4. **Caller Lawrence Johnstone’s website** lists dances in Sonoma, Napa, and other northern counties. Go to www.loj.name and click on Dances North of the Bay.
5. **NCSDA calendar (northern California)** lists all dances by NCSDA members (of which we are one). This is also the site for Golden State. Go to www.ncsda.com.
6. **ASDSC calendar (central California)** lists dances and festivals (such as Harvest Hoedown) put on by ASDSC clubs. Go to www.asdsc.org.
7. **SCVSDA site (Santa Clara Valley)** lists dances and festivals (such as Jubilee) put on by SCVSDA clubs. Lots of information too on classes and clubs. Go to www.scvsda.org.

Trivia

Coincidence or Omen?

Has anyone else noticed that Tuesday’s election day is the same day as Mexico’s *Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead)?

November Birthdays

Leslie Betts	Tina Clinton	Eric Henerlau
Roselee Metzger	Susan Nelson	Carol Parker
Art Reichert	Janet Ward	

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: 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. 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, 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
Nov 3 Sheppard	Parker
Nov 10 Nelson	Betts
Nov 17 Drucker/Marks	Rapport
Nov 24	DARK for Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1 Scott/Aftowicz	Strawbridge/Wallhagen
Dec 8 Mousley	Hard
Dec 15 McGee/Ryan	Sayles
Dec 22	DARK for Christmas Break
Dec 29	DARK for New Year's Break

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