

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club



Newsletter May, 2011



The Pres Presents

Janet Sayles

All May flowers should be in their splendor this month, they have had plenty of rain!

Silver State is coming up in a few days on the weekend of May 6th and Eric Henerlau will be calling. We know it will be superb!

Golden State is the weekend of May 27th and the theme is the 50's. "Start a new trend this year with a poodle skirt and rolled up sleeves on a tee shirt"! After party at 11 pm is also 50's with more dancing and a raffle. We plan to be in the grand march again this year. Everyone should wear a club beanie. Cost of a hat is \$10.00 each. See Brad or Janet.

Next month is our 32nd anniversary dance, Saturday, June 18th with Eric Henerlau & Rick Hampton calling, San Rafael Rec Center. Hope to see everyone there! Happy Mother's Day!

May Dance Schedule

Tuesdays

May 3, 10, 17, 24

Los Robles Mobile Home Park Rec Center

- 6:45 – 8:30 Beginning square dance class
- 8:30 – 10:00 Continuing square dance class

All members welcome for all sessions

Wednesdays

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Rod and Gun Club

- 6:20–6:45 Round dance class: 2-step review
- 6:45–7:30 Round dance class: level 2 waltz
- 7:30–7:45 Two couple Plus warm-up
- 7:45–9:30 Plus tips. Numbered cards used for square assignments except for first and last tips. Rounds between tips.

Class Act

Jeanice McGee

We had five squares of angels and beginners on April 5th for our free introductory class. We continued to have new dancers join us during the next two weeks. We have had five people sign up, so far, with more to sign up later. Thank you to all our angels who have come to support the class.

New Floor a Success

OK, everybody, now we have no excuse about blowing a call because of the floor! Anyone dancing on our new floor would have to agree that it is a vast improvement over the old one. It now only looks good but is just about the right smoothness for dancing. To help keep it that way, those setting up and anyone else during the evening should be sure to carry chairs and tables to their respective positions rather than dragging them across the floor and leaving scuff marks. The old floor was so marked up you couldn't tell the difference. Not so with the new one

Now if they just could have done something about those deer heads staring down at us.

Annual Meeting & Board Election

It's that time of the year again for our annual meeting and electing a new Board of Directors to oversee our club for the coming year. Board positions are listed on page 4. If interested in serving, see the Nominating Committee head, Gen Sheppard, or Janet Sayles. The Annual Meeting usually takes place the first dance night in June. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Written ballots will be used if more than one member is nominated for any position. The new Board will take over on July 1.

How Are They Doing?

Between hip and knee problems **Tom** and **Roselee Metzger** aren't able to square dance any more but plan to come to Tam Twirler non-dancing events to say hello. **Bill and Sybil Moffet** have had to say goodbye to dancing as well because of foot problems. **Bob Farwell** is undergoing extensive treatment for throat cancer. You can follow Bob's progress on <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/BaldBobFarwell>

We wish all of them well.

Square Dancing Summer Camp

Dance Country in McCloud offers 5-day Plus, Advanced, and Challenge packages Sunday evening thru Thursday noon in July and August. Dancing is in a beautiful old dance hall with a hardwood floor. Typical schedule focuses on daytime workshops to learn some new moves and evening dances. Extras include a picnic, after party, and pie night. Except for Joe Saltel's week, callers for round dancing are included.

McCloud is located 10 miles east of Mt. Shasta on Route 89. Dance Country's website is www.mcclouddancecountry.com.

If you haven't gone before, don't be shy about asking the Carters, Clintons, Hards, Kerbys, Marge, June, or your editors. Cost for the week is \$289 per couple not including lodging.

Featured Plus and Advanced callers are:

Caller	Week	Level
Joe Saltel	Jul 3 – 7	A2
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 10 – 14	Plus w/DBD
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 17 – 21	Plus DBD
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 24 – 28	A2 DBD
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 31–Aug 4	Plus w/DBD
Daryl Lipscomb	Aug 24 – 28	A2

For lodging, the McCloud Hotel has been a popular choice for many years. Relatively new is the McCloud Mercantile, although it's already booked for the Plus weeks. Others can be found on the website. Most offer dancer discounts so be sure to call when making a reservation. You can also stay in Mount Shasta where you will

find more lodging and dining choices.

Other than square dancing and a soda fountain there isn't much to do in McCloud itself. But nearby are hikes to falls on the McCloud River, fishing, golf, Castle Crags State Park, and a drive up Mt. Shasta. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is only a 90 minute drive north. If new to McCloud, don't be fooled by its 3,000 foot elevation – summer days are really hot. Square dance attire requested for evenings only.

Bill and Meg's Puzzle Time

Help Eric Guess the Plus Calls

Eric had a caller's worst nightmare recently when he dreamed he had forgotten the names of 10 Plus calls. But he could remember individual clues for each call. So let's help him out by identifying the specific calls from the clues below. We figured out the first one and filled it in for you. See if you can guess the rest. Answers are on page 4. Enjoy.

Clue	Plus Call
Work jointly on a task	Coordinate
Longshoreman's job	
Pass the little ball around	
Ladies social group	
An angry flame	
Southern piano	
Skillful jeweler can do this	
Bike that won't turn	
Try to catch a conservative	
The train leaves from here	

Late-Breaking April Dance

NCSDA Spring Fever Stampede

Saturday, April 30, 2 to 5 & 7:30 to 11 PM
Vic (squares) and Shauna (rounds) Kaaria

Another dual event from NCSDA. A2 dancing from 2 to 5 PM then Plus dancing from 8 to 11. Rounds from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. The Kaaria's are from Redlands, California. He calls

the squares and she cues the rounds. Only \$5 donation per session for NCSDA members, which includes all of us. Saint Philip Lutheran Church, 8850 Davona, Dublin.

May Dances

Adobe Squares and Singles & Pairs Plus

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Charlie Robertson, Bud & Marlene Gooch

Charlie hails from Fontana, California. Little did his mother know what she was helping start when at age 12 he asked her to find a caller who would take him on as a student. Over 30 years later he is still going strong. Rounds from 7:30 to 8 and between tips cued by Santa Rosa couple Bud and Marlene Gooch. Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa.

2011 Jet Sets European Style Dance

Friday, May 13, 7:30 to 10:00 PM

Jet Roberts Calling

This is the third of seven European Style dances that Jet will do this year. Alternating Plus and A2 with no breaks and no rounds. Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek.

May Festivals

64th Annual Silver State Dance Festival

Friday–Sunday, May 6th–8th

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada

Billed as “The longest continuously running festival in the country,” Silver State features callers Jerry Story (Texas), Michael Kellogg (Northridge, California), and our very own Eric Henerlau. Cuers are Joe and Pat Hilton (Missouri) and Ron and Georgine Woolcock from Olympia, Washington.

Heavy dance schedule including a Trails End Plus dance on Thursday evening (extra fee for those who come this early) and even a warm-up dance on Friday afternoon (included in the 3-day rate). Levels from Newer Dancer to C-1. Dancing is on wood floors.

Everything is close at hand, including a casino for those who like gambling and cigarette smoke. There are also “family fun” activities like miniature golf, go karts, and bowling.

58th Annual Golden State Round Up

Friday–Sunday, May 27th–29th

San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon

Returning to its Memorial Day weekend date, this festival is put on by our association, the NCSDA, and draws lots of Tam Twirlers.

Callers include Ray Brendzy (Canada), Dan Nordbye (Arizona), Bronc Wise (New Mexico), and Joe Saltel (Texas). Cuers will be Kristine and Bruce Nelson (Arizona). Local callers fill in during transitions. Sunday night features live music with (guess who?) – the ubiquitous Ghost Riders. All levels including Handicapable.

See the flyer on our table for how to secure the \$95 nightly rate if you are planning to stay overnight at the Marriott. This rate includes free parking. Parking rates for those coming only for a day are supposedly half the usual Marriott rate, although last year the hotel staff had not been informed. Let's also hope the sound problems that have plagued this festival since it moved to the Marriott will be solved this year.

Early June Dance

Bows & Beaus Ice Cream Fling Thing

Saturday, June 4, 7:30 to 10:30 PM

Hunter Keller with Sue Harris

Clad in a cowboy hat, young Hunter Keller hails from Billings, Montana, and only comes this way once or twice a year. He started calling in college, which wasn't all that long ago. Round dancing 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Lots of ice cream which accounts for the suggested donation of \$15 per person. John Muir Middle School, 1260 Branham Lane, San Jose.

Our Own Anniversary Hoedown

Tam Twirlers 33rd Anniversary

Saturday, June 18, 7:30 to 10:30

Rick Hampton and Eric Henerlau

Mark your calendar for our very own 33rd anniversary hoedown on June 18 featuring Rick Hampton and Eric Henerlau. Rick is a full-time caller from Visalia, California. Alternating Plus and Advanced tips European Style (no breaks between tips). San Rafael Community Center, 618B Street, San Rafael.

Next Board Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 10 AM, at Brad and Janet Sayles

May Birthdays

Marge Bowcock Soni Farwell James Marks
Donna Rapport

Setter/Cleaner Uppers

See any previous newsletter for descriptions of duties for those setting or cleaning up. When moving chairs or tables please make sure to lift rather than drag them so that no scuff marks are made on the floor.

Schedule

	7:00 Setup	9:30 Cleanup
May 4	Carter	Hard
May 11	Grissom	Sayles
May 18	Sheppard	Ward
May 25	Nelson	Hard
June 1	Scott	Jones & Christie
June 8	Aftowicz & Anderson	Van Herick
June 15	Mousley	Ferris
June 22	McGee & Ryan	Parker
June 29	Clinton	Betts

Answers to Guess the Plus Calls

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Ladies social group	Teacup Chain
An angry flame	Crossfire
Southern piano	Dixie Grand
Skillful jeweler can do this	Cut the diamond
Bike that won't turn	Linear Cycle
Try to catch a conservative	Chase Right
The train leaves from here	Track Two

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