

# Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club



## Newsletter July, 2011



### July Dance Schedule

#### **Tuesdays**

**July 5, 12, 19, 26**

#### **Los Robles Mobile Home Park Rec Center**

6:45 – 8:00 Beginning square dance class

8:00 – 9:00 Mainstream square dance class

9:00 – 9:30 Plus square dance class

All members welcome for all sessions

#### **Wednesdays**

**July 6, 13, 20, 27**

#### **Rod and Gun Club**

6:15 – 6:45 Level 2 Round dance class: 2-step

6:45 – 7:30 Level 2 Round dance class: waltz

7:30 – 7:45 Squares. Two couple Plus warm-up

7:45 – 9:30 Squares. Plus tips. Numbered cards used for square assignments except for first and last tips. Rounds between tips.

#### **Prez Sez**

#### **Gen Sheppard**

As Janet turns over the reins of the presidency to me July 1, I would first and foremost like to thank her for the outstanding job she did as president the last two years. There were some huge challenges that she met with quiet reserve and persistence. This was especially evident in the move to the Marin Rod & Gun club. Janet's unwavering commitment to the Tam Twirlers was evident at all times. Thank you again, Janet.

I feel very honored to be your new President. Bob and I both enjoy being members of the Tam Twirlers, which is a very vibrant and fun square dance club. Thank you to the Board members who have agreed to serve again this year and to our new Board member, Frank Aftowicz, our new Vice President. Thank you to Vita

Drucker, our outgoing hospitality chair, for a job well done.

Our anniversary dance, Saturday, June 18, was a huge success with 21 clubs and 112 dancers attending. Rick Hampton, our second caller, had fallen early Saturday, so was unable to attend. Eric stepped up to the plate and called the entire evening. He was fantastic. Everyone had a blast. The coffee was won by the Buzz 'n Boots. Food, as usual, was abundant and yummy. Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a successful evening

Looking forward to serving you.

*Gen*

#### **Class Act**

#### **Jeanice McGee**

We have three levels of dancing on Tuesday nights. Beginning, Mainstream, and Plus are called. Some dancers wanted to move along faster. So, Paul and Sharon Prudhomme, along with John and Lucy Davis, have been going to Martinez to a Plus class, and are almost ready to dance with us on Wednesdays. They will be joining us some time in July. Woo Hoo!

Remember to come and bring food to our new beginning class on Tuesday July 5th at 6:45.

#### **Round Dance Class Anniversary**

#### **Meg Wallhagen**

June 29<sup>th</sup> marked the first anniversary for our round dance class, so we had a little celebration. The highlight was presenting Dan and Allison with their very own official Tam Twirler beanies, thereby making them both honorary members. We've come a long way since a year ago having learned nearly all the Phase 2 steps

for Two-Step and Waltz dances. Going in circles has never been more fun!

## **Annual Meeting Board Results**

### **All Nominees Elected**

No surprises here as all nominees were elected. Changes include Gen Sheppard moving up to President, Frank Aftowicz becoming Vice President, and Jeanice McGee taking on both Class Coordinator and Hospitality. Janet Sayles continues to serve on the Board for one more year as Past President.

The Secretary spot is still open. If anyone is interested in filling it, please see our new President, Gen Sheppard.

## **July Dances**

### **Eric Hosts Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Corte Madera Rec Center 10 AM – Noon**

Each year Eric invites square dancers to come to dance in front of the Corte Madera Rec Center as part of the Corte Madera/Larkspur 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade starting at 10 AM.

If you've never danced on curving blacktop before, you're in for one of those unique learning experiences. Afterwards everyone is invited to gather at his house nearby for a barbeque. Eric provides the chicken and beer – guests should bring a side dish or dessert.

### **Circle 'n Squares Plus Dance Saturday, July 9, 8:00 to 10:30 PM**

#### **Ken Ritucci with Jeanne Van Blarcum**

Ken comes from Massachusetts but with his extensive calling schedule and ownership of three caller teaching schools in different states, he's more likely to be on the road than at home. He's fast so be prepared. Round dancing from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa.

#### **Redwood Rainbows and Saucy Squares**

### **Annual Summer Dance with Pat Carnathan Saturday, July 16, 2:30 to 5, 7:30 to 10:30**

Afternoon is for A1 and A2, while the evening features Mainstream and Plus with an A2 star tip. \$8 for the afternoon, \$10 for the evening, \$16 for both. Wischmann Hall, Sebastopol.

### **San Mateo Roadrunners Plus Hoedown With Callers' Hall of Fame Jerry Helt 8 – 11 Saturday, July 23**

Don't miss this chance to dance to a genuine legend. An original member of Caller Lab and the Callers' Hall of Fame, Jerry Helt hails from Cincinnati. Over 80 but still giving workshops for callers, he's known for treats like a progressive squares tip where the men end up back home at the end of the patter call but not the ladies. Not to worry, he brings the ladies back on the next singing call. Plus level. John Flora and Dolores Ferrero will cue rounds from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Beresford Rec Center, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Flyers are on our table.

## **Upcoming Festivals**

### **Los Banos Mid-Cal Classic – Plus & A2 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept 2–4**

This Labor Day Weekend festival in Los Banos features callers Jet Roberts and Bob Baier. Be forewarned, though: 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. Because there is only one hall, workshops and evening dances alternate Plus and A2 in roughly two hour segments. For flyers and tickets (\$37.50 each) go to [www.jetroberts.com/pdfs/2011/090211\\_MCC.pdf](http://www.jetroberts.com/pdfs/2011/090211_MCC.pdf) Rounds with Sharon and Casey Parker.

## **Golden State Review**

### **Mary Carter**

Twenty-four Tam Twirlers attended Golden State Roundup, which featured four very good callers. Top votes went to Dan Nordbye. It was also wonderful to have James, Frank and Molly on the dance floor! There were two additional dancers, Lucy and John Davis, who are studying hard so they can join our club once their Plus

Blast Class is completed in Martinez. A number of club members "angeled" them in the MS Hall. They did just great and had a terrific time; they particularly enjoyed Bronc Wise for his excellent teaching skills.

Roundup ended on a rocking high note with 38 squares dancing to the featured callers AND The Ghost Riders. T'was a night to remember!

## Bill and Meg's Puzzle Time

### Guess the Calls

Oh, no! Eric had another nightmare where he couldn't remember calls but only clues. So let's help him out once again by identifying the Plus calls from the clues below.

Special thanks to creative clue makers Vita Drucker and Jeanice McGee, who joined the Help Eric Team for this round. Answers and authors of specific clues are on page 4.

### Clues for Plus Calls

3 more for a straight

Tam Twirlers \_\_\_\_\_ greetings to guests

Surfer switch

Chippendales

What monkeys do

Toss the rock

Cool that toy

Last item on a grocery list

## Weapons of Math Instruction

*Editors' note: Tam Twirler Bob Farwell, who continues treatment for throat cancer, passed this along to us from the internet. Nothing to do with square dancing, but it has good word plays and shows Bob maintains his sense of humor.*

A school teacher was arrested at John F. Kennedy International airport as he attempted to board a plane while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator. Attorney General Eric Holder said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement and has been charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-Gebra is a problem," the Attorney General added, "because they derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They consist of shadowy figures with names like X and Y, and although they are frequently referred to as unknowns, we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country."

They also frequently split into fractions.  
(*We couldn't resist adding this last sentence.*)

## Setter/Cleaner Upper Duties

When moving chairs or tables please make sure to lift rather than drag them so that no scuff marks are made on the floor.

Check page 4 for dates or the sign-in table at Rod and Gun. Please remember it is your responsibility to switch with someone if you are unable to make your assigned date and then let Jeanice McGee \_\_\_\_\_ know so she can revise the calendar and remind the appropriate people the day before. If you plan to go on leave or a long vacation, please let her know well in advance so she can schedule accordingly.

**Set-up:** Arrive by 7:00 – tables, most of the chairs, and the ice water should already be set up by the round dancers. Put out the hand sanitizer, cups, snack mix, and flyers on the far table. Put out more chairs if needed. Put sign-in sheets on the table by the door. On party night, set up an extra food table along with napkins, the coffee pot, and assorted drink items. When it gets dark, turn on the outside lights. When supplies are running low, let Jeanice know.

**Clean-up:** Help callers and callers load their equipment. Police the hall for cups and other trash. Empty the water cooler. Place the cooler, supplies, and table items back in their respective bins in our cupboard. Chairs and tables

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remain in place. The Janitor takes care of the garbage, lights, and locking up. Just be sure doors are closed when you leave.

### July Birthdays

Jeanice McGee    Ian and Diana Mousley    Mary Pharis

### Setter/Cleaner Uppers

See page 3 for descriptions of duties.

#### Schedule

7:00 Setup		9:30 Cleanup
July 6 Kerby		Sayles
July 13 Street		Strawbridge/Wallhagen
July 20 Bowcock/McClanahan		Wards
July 27 Carter <b>(Party Nite)</b>		Jones Christie
Aug 3 Nelson/Steinberg		Van Herick
Aug 10 Drucker/Marks		Rapport
Aug 17 Sheppards		Parker
Aug 24 Clinton		Betts
Aug 31 Scott <b>(Party Nite)</b>		Strawbridge/Wallhagen

### Answers to Guess the Calls

Clue	Plus Call	Help Eric Team Member
3 more for a straight	Acey Deucy	Vita Drucker
Tam Twirlers _____ greetings to guests	Extend	Vita Drucker
Surfer switch	Trade the Wave	Meg Wallhagen
Chippendales	Peel Off	Meg Wallhagen
What monkeys do	Grand Swing Thru	Jeanice McGee
Toss the rock	Flip the Diamond	Jeanice McGee
Cool that toy	Fan the top	Bill Strawbridge
Last item on a grocery list	. . . and Roll	Bill Strawbridge

### Board Members

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Gen Sheppard

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Janet Sayles

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Frank Aftowicz

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