

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club



Newsletter October, 2011



Dance Schedule

Tuesday Square Dance Classes

October 4, 11, 18, 25

Los Robles Mobile Home Park Rec Center

6:45–8:15 Green (Beginning) class

8:15–8:55 Yellow (Mainstream) class

8:55–9:30 Blue (Plus) class

All members welcome for all sessions

Wednesday Plus & Rounds

October 5, 12, 19, 26

Rod and Gun Club

6:15–7:30 Phase 3 Round dance class

7:30–7:45 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

Our annual pot-luck picnic hosted by Geri and Jerry Kerby at their home on Saturday, August 27, was attended by almost all of our members. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food. Thank you to our hosts who had everything all set up and beautifully decorated for this event.

Our Hawaiian shirt/skirt party night Wednesday, August 31, was also lots of fun. We even had Spam and, of course, lots of pineapple.

Bob and I and Geri and Jerry Kerby recently toured “the wild west” for 7 days including seeing the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone Park (including “Old Faithful”), Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse monument in South Dakota.

Fabulous trip and we would highly recommend seeing the USA.

SAVE THE DATE – Friday, December 2, 2011 for our annual Christmas dinner/dance at Deer Park Villa in Fairfax. We have reserved some fabulous entertainment for the evening. Details will be in the November newsletter.

See you on the dance floor

Gen

Student Class Act

Jeanice McGee

Do you know anyone who would like to learn to square dance? Our new class begins October 4th. Our current dancers can continue at the beginner level, or move to the mainstream level. I think most of them will move up. We have a few single ladies, and can always use angels.

Remember October 4th. Please come, and bring finger food.

Phase 3 Round Dance Class Off to a Quick Quick Slow Start

Meg Wallhagen

We now have over 20 dancers coming to the Phase 3 Round Dance class that started at the beginning of the month. Three couples are new to the class. We were especially pleased to greet Charley Kennedy and Suzanne Brock from Sebastopol’s Redwood Rainbows. That’s a bit of a trek, but turns out one of them (Charley) works only a short distance away from Rod and Gun. The other two couples are Tam Twirlers’ Richard and Gaille Grissom along with Paul and Sharon Prudhomme. A special guest has been former cuer Doug Saunders.

As promised, Dan and Allison led us all immediately into the Cha Cha and by month's end we were close to dancing one of the Round Dance Cha Cha classics such as Fulsome Prison.

Cha Chas are high energy and lots of fun. A big help is Dan's point that the "cha cha cha" part of Cha Cha uses the same rhythm (quick-quick slow) as do the two-step dances we've been learning in Phase 2. So the new part is that Cha Cha uses 4/4 time, which is 4 beats to a measure (slow slow quick-quick slow) instead of two-step's 2/4 time, which is 2 beats to a measure (quick-quick slow). Confused? See Katy Christie who can explain all.

October Dances

Adobe Squares Plus Hoedown

Saturday, October 1, 8 – 10:30

Eric Henerlau with Jean Van Blarcum

This hoedown comes up real early in October and will showcase our own caller so head north and enjoy. You'll get festival level calling for a lot less money and travel. An added benefit is dancing on the new floor at Monroe Hall. Rounds with Jean Van Blarcum from 7 to 8 and then double rounds between tips, Plus with Eric from 8 to 10:30. Monroe Hall, Santa Rosa.

Martinez Swingers Oktoberfest Hoedown

Saturday, October 15, 8 – 10:30

Dick Henschel with John Flora

Kick up your heels (but minus the beer) for this Oktoberfest Plus hoedown. Rounds with John Flora from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Plus with Dick Henschel from 8 to 10:30. Door prizes included. Dick calls for Martinez Swingers' Plus and Advanced nights as well as for the Dublin Rancheroes. Martinez Adult School, 600 F Street. Take the Alhambra exit off Route 4, north to F, then turn right.

Early November Dance

Singles and Pairs Plus Hoedown

Saturday, November 5, 8 – 10:30

Mike Wright with Bob and Maureen Ensten

Another chance to try out the new floor at Monroe Hall. Rounds with the Enstens from 7 to

8 and then double rounds between tips. Plus with Mike Wright from 8 to 10:30. Mike is a local caller folks will have danced to if they attended the Top Ten Caller dances held each year in January. Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Upcoming Festival

Yuba City Harvest Hoedown – All Levels

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct 21–23

Dougherty, Nordbye, Robertson

Harvest Hoedown features good workshops, solo rotations, flexible packages, reasonable prices, and a snack bar. There is a beginning square dancing blast class and something rarely seen at local festivals – a separate hall for frequent Newer and Mainstream dancing. Callers are Randy Dougherty, Dan Nordbye, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: TJ and Bruce Chadd.

Added since last month are a Thursday evening Trail's End dance with caller Charlie Brown and cuer Phil Smith plus an After Party on Saturday featuring root beer floats, dancing to 4 green/new callers, and a melodrama put on by the "Half Tag Split Square Chain Thru Promenade & Storm Door Players" (don't ask).

Flyers should be on our table or go to www.asdsc.org and click on Harvest Hoedown.

Bonnie Abramson, who coordinates Harvest Hoedown, keeps coming up with innovative ideas to broaden participation for square dancing, and her latest feature is described below. We've come a ways from the old "Let's just stick a Solo sign up on the wall somewhere and hope they all find each other" days.

Harvest Hoedown's OK Corral

Bonnie Abramson

OUR NEW "OK" CORRAL: Are you a single or solo dancer who usually stays home from weekend festivals because you fear you won't find a partner? Are you a dancer who likes to dance every tip but find your partner doesn't have quite as much energy? Do you like the challenge of dancing the position opposite

your gender (girl dancing “boy” or boy dancing “girl”)? Then we have the place for you!

In following with our “Harvest Barnyard” theme, we are introducing the “OK” Corral where it is “OK” to form a square or join a square without a partner – the idea is that another single/solo/non-partnered-for-that-tip dancer will fill in the open spot next to you.

This is an area where it will be “OK” for two men or two women to couple up as long as they know the respective roles they are dancing.

This is an area where it will be “OK” to kick up your heels and have a great time and meet new friends! There will be a special area set up in both the Plus Hall (The Barn) and the Advanced Hall to encourage more of our “solo” dancers to come out and enjoy a festival and get the opportunity to dance.

We will still have our designated “solo” areas where you can sit and meet other “solos”, and we will still have “solo” ribbons available to help you find each other on the dance floor, but even if you haven’t had the opportunity to make their acquaintance yet you can do so on the floor when you join them for a tip or two.

Far-Out Festivals

Here are major upcoming festivals in brief form. More detail on each of them will follow as they draw near.

Winter Festival

King City, January 20-22

Story/Baier/Oxendine/Roberts/Wise

www.jetroberts.com/pdfs/2012/012012_WF.pdf

Sequoia Stampede

Tulare, February 17-19

Oxendine/Roberts/Robertson

www.grandsquareinc.com

Swing Into Spring Jamboree

Redding, April 13-14

Jet Roberts/Hunter Keller

northstatedancersassociation.com

Silver State

Reno, May 11-13

Bob Baier, Gary Shoemake, Joe Saltel

www.squaredancenevada.com

Golden State Roundup

San Ramon, May 25-27

Marshall, Lipscomb, Robertson, Kellogg

www.ncsda.com

Bill and Meg’s Puzzle Time Guess the Plus Calls

Last installment for our Guess the Plus calls feature because all have now been included (ah, but there are 65 Mainstream calls just waiting!)

Jeanice, Meg, and Bill are joined for this round by a new Guess the Calls team member, Carolyn Maloney, who dances with her husband, Tom, in our Round Dance class. They are from Adobe Squares of Petaluma. (And if you get the call for Carolyn’s clue involving the four 2’s below you are way ahead of your editors.) We also got a late entry from that classic Greek author, Anonymous, who has written more ancient manuscripts than anyone else. Answers and creators of clues for this round are on page 4.

If any non-Greek would like to join our Guess the Calls team, just send us clues for any of the Mainstream calls. We’d love to include them in future newsletters.

Match Plus Calls with the Clues Below

Texas ranch

Team of four 2’s at a track meet

Stalk the guy next door

Hit a home run

TNT the surf

One with the ocean

Everyone turns a toy

Trio of coins catches a straight

Trade a bunch of tied up cogs

October Birthdays

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Setup and Cleanup Schedule

	7:00 Setup	9:30 Cleanup
Oct 5	Mousley	Strawbridge/Wallhagen
Oct 12	Bowcock/McClanahan	Rapport
Oct 19	Kerby	Parker
Oct 26	Drucker/Marks (Party Night)	Betts
Nov 2	Sheppard	Strawbridge/Wallhagen
Nov 9	Hard	Jones/Christie
Nov 16	Carter	McGee
Nov 23	DARK Have a Great Thanksgiving	
Nov 30	Aftowicz/Anderson (Party Night)	Hard

Answers to Guess the Plus Calls

Clue	Plus Call	Cluer
Texas ranch	Spread	Carolyn
Team of four 2's at a track meet	Relay the Deucey	Carolyn
Stalk the guy next door	Follow Your Neighbor	Meg
Hit a home run	Diamond Circulate	Meg
TNT the surf	Explode the Wave	Jeanice
One with the ocean	Single Circle to a Wave	Jeanice
Everyone turns a toy	All 8 Spin the Top	Bill
Trio of coins catches a straight	Three Quarters Tag the Line	Bill
Trade a bunch of tied Up cogs	Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears	Anonymous