

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club



Newsletter February, 2012



Dance Schedule

Tuesday Square Dance Classes

Los Robles Mobile Home Park Rec Center

February 7, 14, 21, 28

- 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 Squares & Rounds

Rod and Gun Club

February 1

- 6:15–7:30 Phase 3 Round Dance Class
7:30–7:45 Two couple Plus warm-up
7:45–9:30 Plus squares. Numbered cards are used for square assignments except for first and last tips. Last tip is usually hot hash or DBD or both. Rounds between tips until 9.

February 8, 15, 22 Squares Only

- 7:30–7:45 Two couple Plus warm-up
7:45–9:30 Plus squares. Numbered cards are used for square assignments except for first and last tips. Last tip is usually hot hash or DBD or both. Rounds between tips until 9.

Feb 29

Black Light Hoedown

- 6:00–7:00 Phase 3 Round Dance Class
7:30–9:30 Plus squares, Rounds between tips

Prez Sez **Gen Sheppard**

It seems like everyone's back in full dancing mode now that the holidays are over and the football season is almost over. Our many guests

Wednesday evenings add a lot of extra fun to our dancing.

Three of our members, June McClanahan, Roger Rapport, and Jamie Betts are recovering well from their knee replacement surgeries. We hope to see them all back on the dance as soon as possible.

Our annual Black Lite Dance will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 PM. Please wear black clothes and white sox. We will supply the white gloves. The round dance lesson that night will be from 6-7 PM. Our Vice President, Frank Aftowicz, is organizing the sign-up sheets for the evening. We need volunteers to help set up the black lights, greet people at the door, bring finger food, and also extra people to help clean up at the end of the evening. Please let Frank know if you can help.

For the month of February, if you are setter uppers, please have the bartender fill the coffee pot half-way and put out the coffee, tea, and hot chocolate supplies. Our members and guests enjoy something warm to drink when it's cold.

See you on the dance floor

Gen

Student Class Act

Jeanice McGee

Welcome to the six new people who joined our class in January. I already have people asking about the next beginning class. Our new beginning classes will be three times a year- January, May, and September. Please pass that information on to anyone who wants to square dance. Thank you to our angels and those who brought food to the new class.

Round Dance February Break

Meg Wallhagen

Dan's knee surgery is scheduled for February 3rd so there will be no Round Dance class on February 8, 15, and 22. If all goes well, Dan and Allison will return on February 29 with the class starting 15 minutes early at 6:00 because of the Black Light square dance that same evening. Plans are to review Phase 2 two-step and waltz dances for one or more classes before getting back to Cha Cha. Let's all hope the surgery goes well and recovery is speedy.

Harvest Hoedown Good/Bad News

By Bonnie Abramson

General Chairman, Harvest Hoedown

First, the bad news. Last week Tony Oxendine let us know that due to a major scheduling conflict he won't be able to join us for Harvest Hoedown 2012. We were all very surprised and worried about how we were going to fill his very key role on such short notice (short when it comes to major festivals that is, particularly when we've already done so much promotion).

Now, here's the good news! Thanks to our very good friend Jet Roberts, we are pleased to announce that **Dee Dee Dougherty** will be stepping in to join our team of Bronc Wise, Mike Seastrom, and Ron & Mary Noble as our featured staff for Harvest Hoedown 2012!

For those of you who may not know, Dee Dee is caller Randy Dougherty's sister. Dee Dee is well known across the country but doesn't do a lot of festivals in California – a PLUS for us.

Last year, at the first annual International Square Dance Music Awards, Dee Dee was nominated for four and received three "OZZIE" Awards – a tie with Deborah Carroll Jones for Best Female Singer, and solo awards as Best Female Patter Caller and Best Overall Female Caller. We have ourselves a winner, folks! Doesn't hurt that we're adding a little "GIRL POWER" to the team either.

We hope you are all as excited as we are to have Dee Dee as part of our festival, which is October 26 – 28 this year in Yuba City. If you aren't already signed up, do it today – it's going to be a great festival. Download your registration forms from www.asdsc.org.

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. Schedules focus on daytime workshops to refine old moves and learn new ones plus evening dances. The final day ends at noon with a late morning dance. Extras include a potluck picnic, after parties, and a wiener and marshmallow roast. (One of your editors, and he's not Meg, is especially enthusiastic about the after party pie night.)

McCloud is 10 miles east of Mt. Shasta on Route 89. Dance Country's website is www.mcclouddancecountry.com. Cost for the week is \$289 per couple not including lodging. Reservations are only \$25.

If you haven't gone before, don't be shy about asking the Carters, Clintons, Hards, Kerbys, Prudhommes, Marge, June, or your editors.

Dress is now casual although many dancers still wear western dress for the evening dances.

Featured Plus and Advanced callers for 2012 are:

Caller	Week	Level
Joe Saltel	Jul 2 – 6	A2
Randy Dibble	Jul 8 – 12	A2
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 15 – 19	Plus DBD
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 22 – 26	A2 DBD
Mike Sikorsky	Jul 29–Aug 2	Plus
Daryl Lipscomb	Aug 24 – 28	A2

Mike Sikorsky and Randy Dibble include cuers. Chuck and Sandy Weiss come with Mike, while Jeanice and Paul Norden join Randy. For their sessions there are also round dance workshops during the day and cueing between tips in the evening. Joe and Daryl do not include cuers but

add additional square dancing workshops on two of the days.

See the website for lodging. Most offer dancer discounts so call when making a reservation. You can also stay in nearby Mount Shasta.

Besides square dancing and a soda fountain there isn't much to do in McCloud itself. 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. Summer days are really hot but the dance hall itself is air conditioned.

February Dances

Clutch Busters Sweetheart Hoedown
Saturday, February 11, 8:00 – 10:30 PM
Buddy Weaver with John Flora

Several features make this Plus hoedown stand out. San Diego's Buddy Weaver likes to travel. He was the first American caller in Tasmania and post-war Poland. This dance also includes an Italian dinner so come hungry. John Flora will cue rounds from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Singles welcome too. All this for only \$10.

Morello Park Elementary School, 1200 Morello Park Drive, Martinez.

Early March Dance

Redwood Rainbows Weave the Spring Dance
Saturday, March 3, 2 – 5:00 AND 7:30 – 10:30
Ann Uebelacker

Here's our second 2012 double bill hoedown! Alternating A1 and A2 in the afternoon segment with C1 star tips. Mainstream and Plus in the evening with a few Advanced star tips too. Caller is British Columbia's Ann Uebelacker (more girl power!) \$10 donation for each segment or \$16 for both. Wischemann Hall, Sebastopol.

Upcoming Festivals

Sequoia Stampede
Tulare, February 17-19
Oxendine, Roberts, Robertson
Sharon & Casey Parker, Mary Ann Callahan
www.grandsquareinc.com
See January's newsletter for this festival.

Swing Into Spring Jamboree
Redding, April 13-14
Jet Roberts, Hunter Keller
Sharon & Casey Parker

www.northstatedancersassociation.com

Jet is always good but young Hunter Keller is good too and living in Montana doesn't get near us all that often. Two halls and a chance to see the famed Sundial Bridge on a break. Reserve by March 15 for the full weekend \$30 per person rate. Day/evening rates also available. Redding Elks Club and Redding Senior Center. Advanced and Plus evenings & Saturday morning/afternoon.

Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games
Spring Village, Santa Rosa, May 31-June 10
Steve Minkin

www.winecountrygames.com

by Carolyn Maloney from our round dance class

Square dancing during the Wine Country Senior Games will be held June 8 and 9th at Spring Village in Santa Rosa. Over a 2 week period, seniors age 50 years and over will be competing in 14 athletic events. Square Dancing with dancing competition will be one of these events. All proceeds benefit the Council on Aging.

Steve Minkin is the caller. The weekend begins with a Fri night dance so you can form your squares. On Saturday morning Steve will provide ample time for practice and preparation.

Saturday afternoon is the competition itself. It will consist of Mainstream, Plus and Random Draw Plus categories. Each category will have three 5 minute tips. Judging is based on cumulative down time for the 3 tips. Each member in the square with the least amount of down time will be awarded a gold medal. 2nd and 3rd place medals will also be given. You may enter all 3 categories of competition. For more details and registration see the website above.

The \$40 registration fee covers all 14 athletic events. To enter competitions you pay only that sport's fee, which for square dancing is \$5. Registration deadline is May 1, 2012, so come and join the fun at this inaugural event.

February Birthdays

Gaille Grissom Bill Hard Bob Van Herick
Bob Sheppard

Setup and Cleanup Schedule

7:00 Setup

Feb 1 Grissom

Feb 8 Kerby

Feb 15 Nelson

Feb 22 Sheppard

Feb 29* Ryan

Mar 7 Strawbridge/Wallhagen

Mar 14 Aftowicz/Anderson

Mar 21 Bowcock

Mar 28* Clinton

9:30 Cleanup

Mousley

Parker

Prudhomme

Van Herick

Sayles

Carter

Christie/Jones

McGee

Hard

***Party Night.** Those setting and cleaning up for the month should bring something to share.

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.

Please remember if you are unable to make your assigned date it is your responsibility to switch with someone 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, chairs, and 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, and assorted drink items. When it gets dark, turn on the outside lights. When supplies are running low, let Jeanice know.

Clean-up: Help cuers 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 our cupboard. Tables and chairs remain in place. The Janitor takes care of the garbage, lights, and locking up. Just be sure doors are closed when you leave.

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