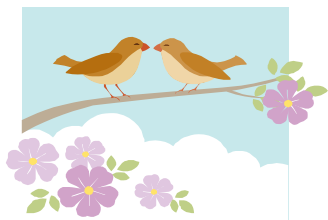


Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club



Newsletter

June, 2012



Dance Schedule

Wednesday Squares & Rounds

Rod and Gun Club

June 6, 13, 20, 27

6:15–7:30 Phase 3 Round Dance Class (Rumba)

On June 6, 13, and 20. **No class June 27.**

7:30–9:30 Two-couple warm-up followed by
Plus squares using numbered cards for square
assignment except for first and last tips.

NOTE: For July there will be NO dancing at Rod and Gun on July 4th. Square dancing resumes July 11; Round dancing resumes July 18.

Prez Sez

Gen Sheppard

May's highlight was the NCSDA sponsored 59th Golden State Round Up May 25-27 in San Ramon. It was held again at the Marriott; and was two and a half days of dancing, dining, and catching up with other club members. Bob and I have been attending for the last five years and enjoy seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. I complimented a lovely person wearing a stunning round dancing skirt in the ladies room and that led to a conversation about round dancing instructors. Seems their club uses the same cuers, Dan and Allison Drumheller, that we do. Everyone loves them.

John Flora, this year's Round Up chair, had his hands full. Seems that the hotel had installed new plush carpeting in the ballrooms which caused the temporary plywood dance flooring to buckle where it was taped together. He and his crew ripped up the flooring Friday night and we danced on carpeting for the weekend which did not seem to deter the dancing attendance. John assured

everyone that this would not happen next year. The callers and cuers were top notch. There was even square dancing in the pool.

Tam Twirlers attending were Janet and Brad Sayles, Paul and Sharon Prudhomme, Jim and Sarah Oser, Deborah Levin, Susan Nelson, Marilyn Ryan, Carol and Ralph Parker, Roger Rapport, and Bob and Gen Sheppard. Mary and Nick Carter, Marge Bowcock and June McClanahan attended on Saturday. Ten of us participated in the Grand March Saturday evening wearing our TT beanies which always cause positive comments and attention to our club.

Our 34th anniversary dance will be held Saturday, June 16, 7:30–10:30 at the San Rafael Rec Center, 618B Street. Eric Henerlau and Jet Roberts will be calling in tandem alternating Plus and Advanced tips European style (no breaks between tips). Sign-up sheets are on the back table Wednesday nights. We need finger foods and help setting up, clean up, ticket sales, etc. We need everyone's support so that this is yet another memorable dance. Because 50/50s are considered gambling by the State, we will not be doing them.

Thanks go to Jeanice McGee, June McClenahan, Marge Bowcock and Mary Carter for cleaning out our cubby at the Rod & Gun Club and reorganizing our materials and supplies. Thank you ladies. Let's try and keep everything organized. It makes ordering supplies and set up so much easier. See you on the dance floor.

Gen

Round & Square Learning Styles

Meg Wallhagen

A key theory in health care to help individuals gain the knowledge and skills to manage a given

condition is Bandura's Self-Efficacy theory. In reflecting on round dancing, I realized Self-Efficacy theory fits our learning here as well.

Bandura defines self-efficacy as the belief that you have the capacity (skills/knowledge) to organize and carry out activities in specific situations – which definitely applies to our comfort about our ability to do any dance. The theory suggests that you can gain self-efficacy in four specific ways: mastery (doing), social modeling (watching others do something successfully), social persuasion (others convince you that you can do it) and psychological responses (our own moods, etc).

Mastery and social modeling are especially pertinent to our round dancing class – we get to watch Dan and Alison not just tell us how it's done but actually show us how it's done. And then we get to practice – to gain mastery. That social modeling, we believe, is really valuable. It all looks so easy. And then there's the on-going encouragement – the social persuasion that, yes, you too will learn. I'm all for gaining self-efficacy in round dancing!

June Dances

Cinco de Mayo Hoedown
Adobe Squares/Singles and Pairs
Singles and Pairs 50th Anniversary Dance
Saturday, June 2, 7:00 – 11:00
Deborah Carroll-Jones
www.singlesandpairs.com

See last months' newsletter for more details.

OUR OWN HOEDOWN!

Tam Twirlers 34th Anniversary Dance
Saturday, June 16, 7:30 – 10:30
Eric Henerlau and Jet Roberts
www.tamtwirlers.org

Yes, it's here on June 16 featuring Eric and guest caller Jet Roberts in tandem. Jet hails from Antelope, California. For those of you who don't know, "Jet" is not a nickname. Jet's father was an Air Force pilot who named his kids accordingly [good thing Jet's dad wasn't a cumquat grower]. See Gen's column on page 1 for more details.

Upcoming July Dance

Circle 'n Squares Plus Dance
Saturday, July 14, 8:00 to 10:30 PM
Lawrence Johnstone with Bob Ensten

Lawrence stands out by using nearly all the Plus calls. He's creative and sometimes ends a hoedown by having the men and women walk in opposite circles around the hall with all thanking each other for coming. This results in smiles all around. Round dancing with Bob Ensten from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa.

June Festival

Sonoma Wine Country Senior Games
Spring Village, Santa Rosa, May 31-June 10
Competitive Squares June 8th and 9th
www.winecountrygames.com

The crew filming our dancing April 18th was to promote this event. Square dancing during the Wine Country Senior Games will be held June 8 and 9th at Spring Village in Santa Rosa. Proceeds benefit the Sonoma Council on Aging. Carolyn Maloney from our Round dance class (707-763-8456) is coordinating the square dancing.

Far-Out Festivals

Harvest Hoedown 2012
Yuba City, Oct 26-28
Dee Dee Dougherty, Mike Seastrom, Bronc Wise
Ron & Mary Noble
www.asdsc.org

Winter Festival 2013
King City, January 18-20
Baier/Oxendine/Story/Henerlau/Tannehill
Web link not yet available
Sequoia Stampede 2013
Tulare, February 15-17
Mike Seastrom, Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts
Sharon and Casey Parker
www.gsiinternational.org/

Wing Ding 2013
Merced, March 1-3
Bob Baier, Jet Roberts, Bronc Wise
Sharon & Casey Parker, Mary & Ron Noble
www.ccsda.org

Bill, Meg, & Carolyn's Puzzle Time

Match Mainstream Clues & Calls

Here we come again to beguile you with our third segment of 10 clues for Mainstream calls. But a change this time because we are providing a list of the calls (scrambled of course) that will fit

the clues. So why are there 12 calls for 10 clues? Because we think two will fit one of the clues and one is a decoy. Our answers are on the next page.

So have fun. And remember that square dancing beautifully fits that old adage "What goes around comes around."

Clue

1. A small bed
2. Take off fast
3. Miss the pitch
4. Laundry chore
5. What to do when lost
6. Break up the happy pair
7. Good environmental deed
8. Best city for bread in Texas
9. Don't do this if you see a cougar
10. Move but finish where you started

Mainstream Call

- a. Swing Thru
- b. Recycle
- c. Roll Away
- d. Run
- e. Zoom
- f. Square Dancing
- g. 4 Ladies Chain
- h. Forward and Back
- i. Split the Outside Couple
- j. Fold
- k. Do Paso
- l. Backtrack

Farewell [for Now] and Thanks

Doing the newsletter for the last three years has been fun and creative for us and we hope you found it as helpful and enjoyable as we did in designing and writing it. However, we are finding it difficult to stay on Wednesday evenings for more than the round dance class given a regular commitment on Tuesday evenings and an increasingly heavy work schedule at UCSF focusing on our hearing loss research grant. So we have reluctantly decided to take a year's leave of absence from the club, which means we won't be around enough to do the newsletter either. Still, we don't plan on being total strangers, so you may see us from time to time as guests on club nights.

In the meantime we have folks to acknowledge. Special thanks go to Janet Sayles, Gen Sheppard, and Jeanice McGee for being there each month with their columns. Jeanice gets another thanks for putting the setup and cleanup lists together along with Vita Drucker who did it before her. Then there is our team of cluers, Vita and Jeanice again along with Carolyn Maloney from the Round Dance class. Brad Christie put the newsletter on the Tam Twirler website, and the front page format we used came from the previous editor, Tina Clinton. Finally, Mary Carter contributed several columns as did Eric. Then there were all those who patiently allowed us to interview them for "Who's Your Corner?" Our apologies if we missed anyone. Take care,

Your editors, Bill and Meg

June Birthdays

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Irv Steinberg

Rick Clinton

Sharon Prudhomme

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Brad Sayles

Caller

Eric Henerlau

Cuers

Dan and Allison Drumheller

Tam Twirlers Website

Webmaster: Brad Christie

Newsletter Editors

Bill Strawbridge/Meg Wallhagen

Setter/Cleaner Upper Duties

Please remember if you are unable to make your assigned date it is your responsibility to switch with someone and then let Jeanice McGee (269-4697) 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. When moving chairs and tables please make sure to lift rather than drag them to avoid scuff marks.

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.

Setup and Cleanup Schedule

	7:00 Setup	9:30 Cleanup
Jun 6	Bowcock/McClanahan	Hard
Jun 13	Clinton	Mousley
Jun 20	Street	Parker
Jun 27*	Grissom	Prudhomme
July 4	DARK	
July 11	Kerby	Rapport
July 18	Nelson/Ryan	Sales
July 25*	Sheppard	Van Herick

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

Match Mainstream Clues & Calls Answers

1. (c)	3. (a)	5. (l)	7. (b)	9. (d)
2. (e)	4. (j)	6. (i)	8. (k)	10. (f, h)