



Tam Twirlers
Square Dancers, Inc.
Newsletter
Summer 2017



Don't Miss Our Anniversary Dance!!!

This Saturday, June 17, 7:00-10:30 PM, San Rafael Community Center!! This will be awesome!!! For Details, see below.

Dance Schedule Wednesday Squares & Rounds

Squares

Rod & Gun Club – Wednesdays: June 7, 14, 21, and 28; July 5, 12, 19, and 26; and August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

The current **Mainstream** and **Plus** classes will be continuing through **June 28**. It's been so much fun squaring up and dancing with our enthusiastic and talented students! Thank you, students and, of course, Angels, for all the great dancing – we hope you've been having a wonderful time!

Please join us and keep dancing for the rest of the summer! We will continue dancing Mainstream and Plus so that you can cement your hard earned skills and be ready for upcoming dances and also for the next class in the fall. The current schedule **through June 28** continues to be:

Mainstream Class:	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Plus Class:	8:00 – 8:45 pm.
Full Plus dancing:	8:45 – 9:50 pm

From **June 28** through **September 6**, the schedule will be:

Mainstream Workshop:	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Plus Teaching:	8:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Full Plus Dancing:	8:45 – 9:50 p.m.



Upcoming Fall Classes – Publicity!!

– We will be starting a new Beginner Class and a Plus Class in the fall. We will have **2 FREE INTRO** nights, **September 13 and September 20**, before classes begin on **September 27**.

We are excited and are hoping for a great turnout this fall semester and need everyone to share their passion for square dancing and to participate in growing the Club! **Deborah Levin** will be spearheading the publicity push for the fall classes and is forming a subcommittee to work on this. Last year, this approach was very successful in bringing in lots of folks interested in square dancing. **PLEASE!** volunteer to help Deborah with this important Club function!! Thank you!

The schedule for the Basic and Plus classes, starting September 27 and ending December 20, 2017 (of course taught by **Eric Henerlau!**) is as follows:

Beginner Class:	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Plus Class:	8:00 – 8:45 p.m.
Full Plus Dancing:	8:45 – 9:50 p.m.

Fee is \$96 for the 12- class series.

Rounds

Rod & Gun Club – Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28; July 5, 12, 19, and 26; and August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Class is **6:00 -7:00 pm**.

Our fabulous cuers, **Dan and Allison Drumheller**, will be continuing **Tango** through July 12, and will be starting a new  **Jive** class (beginners, no experience necessary!) on July 19, continuing through September 27, as shown below:

Tango (beginners, no experience necessary)	May 17 – July 12, 2017
Jive (beginners, no experience necessary)	July 19 – Sept. 27, 2017

And in October, Dan and Allison are planning on teaching **FOXTROT!!**

Club News

Much of the following information is also discussed in detail in the super and comprehensive **April 23 and May 29 emails** sent out by our hardworking President, **Tom Shores**.



DON'T MISS!!! Tam Twirlers 39th Anniversary Dance

Saturday, June 17, 2017, 7:00 – 10:30 pm at the **San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street, San Rafael, CA.** Admission is \$15 per person.

Our wonderful featured Callers are **Buddy Weaver** along with, of course, our very own **Eric Henerlau!** And this year, we are very excited that we will also be featuring **Round Dancing** with none other than our own favorite Cuers, **Dan and Allison Drumheller!** Dance level will be Mainstream and Plus with Advanced Star tips. Pre-rounds will be from 7:00–7:30 pm, with single rounds between tips. Something for everybody!

We would **love** (and **need**) to have a super turnout of Tam Twirlers to represent our Club to other square dancers in the area (after all, this is **OUR** big annual dance and contribution to the square dancing community!) Thank you to all Twirlers who have signed up to help with set up, clean up and food. For those setting up and bringing food (and more food sign ups would be appreciated!), please be at the San Rafael Community Center by **6:00-6:15 pm**. Sign-up sheets will be on the table again on Wednesday, June 14. Please contact Barb Rogers if you have any questions or if you wish to sign up by phone or email. We are looking forward to a fabulous evening with great dancing and yummy food, and hopefully 12 or more squares! Thank you!!



San Francisco Pride Parade Beer Booth Fundraiser, Sunday, June 25

– Our **Foggy City** square dancing friends are again giving us the opportunity this year to raise money for the Twirlers by sharing their beer booth with us at the Pride Parade. We helped last year and were able to raise \$766 for the Club! It was an incredible “only-in-SF” experience that was tons of wild and crazy fun (making the hard work worthwhile)!

If you are interested in joining in the fun and raising some money for the Twirlers, please see **President Tom Shore's excellent May 29th email** for details. Since we are serving alcohol, everyone has to complete an Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) training program for 2 hours on selected days. Also, as Tom describes, Foggy City has an online registration for volunteers to pick the time slot and function they would like to serve.

And to kick off Pride Weekend, **Dan and Allison Drumheller** will be cueing Rounds at Foggy City's Pride Promenade Dance (Rich Reel will be calling Squares) Saturday, June 24 , 7:00 -10:30 p.m. 250 Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94116.



Demo Dance At the Marin County Fair, Saturday July 1

- The Twirlers will once again be performing a demo dance at the Marin County Fair to help promote square dancing and to have a great time! We did this last year and it was more fun than catching a greased pig! We will be dancing on the “**Three Twins**” (ice cream) stage at **2:00 p.m.**



Demo Dance At the Corte Madera 4th of July Parade – Since we will be warmed up from the Marin County Fair, we will also be performing a demo dance in the street in front of the parade viewing stands. We will be able to show off for several tips before the parade reaches us! In case you haven't thought about it, square dancing is very patriotic. In fact, square dance is the official state dance of at least 20 states!! (If it is in Wikipedia, it must be true!!)



Bocce Ball Fund Raiser, Sunday, July 9 – Membership Coordinator

Marilyn Ryan, who also happens to be a Marin Bocce Federation member, was able to snag a couple of coveted Bocce courts for us at the Federation's facilities at **550 B Street in San Rafael** on **Sunday, July 9, from 12 noon to 2:00 pm**. Please bring food and drinks to share (wine and beer are fine). We will supply plates, cups, utensils, etc. As this is a fundraiser for the Club's Publicity fund, we are asking \$15 per person.

We have the two courts at the far left. If you arrive early, the rose garden on the right is a good place to meet. Marilyn is coordinating the fun half-day fundraiser/bocce/picnic and has a flyer and sign-up sheet on the table during Club nights. Plan on some not-so-serious competition. Thanks, Marilyn!!



The **44th Annual Diamond Lake Festival** in Oregon hosted by the Star Promenaders is turning out to be a huge Tam Twirlers event. So far, **27** Twirlers and friends are signed up to go! The festival is from Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22, 2017. **Eric Henerlau** is calling as well as Wayne Weaver, and rounds are by T.J. Chadd. Dance level will be Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced. **Carol and Ralph Parker** are our resident experts on the Festival and they have sent an email to participants with a lot of information and tips for the long weekend. If you need more information, email Carol and Ralph and [also check out the website](#) www.diamondlakefestival.com. Thanks, Carol and Ralph, for sharing your insights and enthusiasm!



Marin Rod and Gun Club Intro Night - Since President Tom Shores recently became a member of the Marin Rod and Gun Club (our landlords), he discovered that several of their members were curious about our square dancing activity. In an effort to enhance our good relations with MRGC, we will be inviting them to a special intro night on either **August 16, or August 23, 2017 (to be determined)**. Let's work hard to make them feel welcome (with friendly smiles and snacks!) and share with them our love of square dancing – perhaps some will want to join Tam Twirlers! Speaking of the MRGC, thank you, Secretary **Ann Shores**, for renegotiating and renewing our lease with the MRGC earlier this year!



Capturing of the **Golden Buckskin** ("not-so-easy" come, easy go)!

Well, as many of you are aware, Tam Twirlers mobilized and captured the elusive Golden Buckskin from the **San Mateo Roadrunners** on April 18. (Great job to you Twirlers who were part of the posse!) We managed to put our "brand" on the Buckskin (thank you, Ann and Brad!) just in time for the very speedy "beep-beep" Roadrunners to race in on May 17 and make off with it again, thus obtaining bragging rights for Golden State Roundup. We are working on retribution with Wile E. Coyote and ACME.



Golden State Round Up! Speaking of Round Up, what a great festival for

Tam Twirlers! We were well represented! **Prez Tom Shores** reported that our Club's Friday dinner numbered 26 and that several more members showed up for dancing on Saturday! Over 400 dancers from the surrounding area attended. **Eric**, as one of the featured callers, and **Dan and Allison**, who headed up the Round Dancing, really did their part to make the Round Up a special event! Thanks to **Sydney and Jolie** for these pics (a few of our enthusiastic Twirlers at the event!)



New Tam Twirlers Board! On Club night June 7, 2017, pursuant to our new bylaws, Tam Twirlers elected the 5- member Board for the upcoming year (beginning July 1, 2017). Returning to the Board from last year are Tom Shores, Ann Shores, Brad Christie, and Deborah Levin. And newly elected to the Board is Kathy Runyeon, who will be replacing Barb Rogers. Thank you, current Board members, for your service this past year, and thank you, new Board members, for stepping up to serve this coming year! We appreciate all your hard work on behalf of the Club! Also pursuant to the new bylaws, the new Board will name the officers of the Club after July 1.

The next **Tam Twirlers Board meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 16, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Tom and Ann Shores. Club members are always welcome and if you would like to attend or would like copies of Board meeting minutes, please contact Tom or Ann.

Upcoming Dancing!

The spreadsheet for upcoming dances will be published (soon) in a separate email – sorry for any inconvenience. For any comments or suggestions, contact Barb Rogers. Also, check out www.ncsda.com/ and www.scvsda.org/ !

Setup and Cleanup Schedule

Date	Setup	Cleanup
June (2017)		
6/7	Tietze	Gurich/Schuster
6/14	Ferrario	Rogers
6/21	Breakstone	Sayles
6/28*	Davidson/Gomoll	Levin/Runyeon (and Ken)
July (2017)		
7/5	Martien/Rozsa	Christie/Jones
7/12	Rothman	Parker
7/19	Ryan/Whala	Ehni
7/26*	Bowcock/McClanahan	Prudhomme

*Party Night: All Setter-Uppers and Cleaner-Uppers bring snacks to share on party night. We encourage anyone who wants to bring snacks to do so as well.

Setup: Arrive at 6:30 p.m. **Cleanup** starts around 9:30 p.m. (between last 2 tips or during last tip) to make sure we are all out of the hall (actually, out the gate!) before 10:00 p.m. Directions for Setup and Cleanup are on the cupboard door where the supplies are stored. Also, **our new Hospitality Coordinator, Tracy Solomon**, published the instructions recently; in case you missed it, they are also attached to this newsletter. Thank you, Tracy!

Note: If you are not able to keep your scheduled date, please arrange to trade with another person. If you can't find someone, please contact Tracy Solomon.

Officers

President: Tom Shores
Past President: Janet Sayles
VP to 7/1: Barbara Rogers
VP after 7/1: Kathy Runyeon
Treasurer: Brad Christie

Secretary: Ann Shores
Membership: Marilyn Ryan
Class Coordinator: Deborah Levin
Publicity: Deborah Levin
Hospitality: Tracy Solomon
Sheriff, Fun & Games: Brad Sayles

Happy Birthday!! 

June – Jane Ehni, Judy Gomoll, Barb Martien, Sharon Prudhomme, and Terry Somers

July – Debbie Bellings-Kee, Ron Gurich, Deborah Levin, Jeanice McGee, Kathy Runyeon, and Doug Shotton

August – Paul Breakstone, Barb Rogers, Sonza VanHerick, and Ken Spira

See you on the dance floor!

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club Setup/Clean up Duties (2017)

GENERAL:

All members are expected to help with setup and cleanup on our regular dance nights (Wednesday). To facilitate this, we have created a schedule that assigns each of us a date. If you are unable to make your assigned date, please arrange for someone else to cover (or trade) with you. If you are unable to arrange a trade, please contact the Hospitality Coordinator. If you know in advance that you will be unavailable on specific dates, please contact the Hospitality Coordinator and you will not be scheduled for those dates.

PARTY NIGHTS:

The last Wednesday in each month is considered a party night which may have a specific theme and may require additional help for either setup or cleanup. Everyone is expected to participate by bringing a snack appropriate to the theme. **For party nights without a theme, those people assigned as either setup or cleanup for that month should bring a snack of their liking**

SET UP DUTIES:

Arrive at 6:30pm. Because the Round Dancers start at 6pm, some of these tasks will already have been started.

- Turn on the lights. Switches are on the back wall by the doors on either side or left side of stage.
- Set up the tables: One by the front door for check-in and two on the far side for flyers and snacks.
- Set up folding chairs to define the dance area.
- Put out fans as needed.
- From cabinet (right side of stage, through the door and on the right there is a large cabinet) find the plastic boxes that are labeled:
 - Put out hand sanitizers, cups and marking pens on small table in right front corner (watertable).
 - Put out the water cooler and drip pan on that small table
 - Get ice and water from the bar.
 - Put out flyers on 2nd table on side wall.
 - Leave first table for snacks.
 - Put white board and dry-erase markers in front of caller table.
 - Put setup box and hand sanitizer on check-in table.
 - If it is not a party night put out snacks from the snack box on water table in the bowl with the scoop. Please use open snack containers first.

CLEAN UP DUTIES:

Beginning around 9:30pm (between last 2 tips, or during last tip):

- Empty water cooler and drip pan (outside the back door – but to NOT put ice on the flowers or grass, can use restroom sink).
- Clear water table and surrounding area; wipe clean with napkins.
- Pick up cups and clutter around the room.
- Place flyers and check-in table materials back in plastic box.
- Place all supplies and white board back in the supply closet.
- Help caller break down equipment and carry to car.
- Unplug fans.
 - Return Furniture (tables, chairs etc.) to original locations.