



*Tam Twirlers
Square Dancers, Inc.
Newsletter
Winter 2017*



**Don't miss our annual Holiday Party!
Friday, December 1, 6:00-10:00 PM, McInnis Park and Golf
Center, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael.**



Wishing you a joyful, peaceful, and safe holiday season!



Vice President Kathy Runyeon is still accepting RSVPs through Tuesday, November 27. In case you need the sign-up sheet, it is attached to this newsletter. (Kathy's email address is listed under the "Officers" section). Cost is \$47 per person and the evening's festivities will include a no-host bar, dinner and dessert, mixers and mingling, and musical ambiance provided by Eric Henerlau -what a great way to kick off the Holiday season!

Dance Schedule

Wednesday Squares & Rounds

Squares

Rod & Gun Club – Wednesdays: November 29, December 6, 13, and 20. The Club will be dark December 27.

The current **Beginner** class and the **Mainstream** and **Plus** workshops will be continuing through **December 20**. Thank you, students and Angels (and, of course, our incredible caller, Eric Henerlau) for making our Wednesday dance nights so much fun! You all make it look so easy!

Beginner Class:	7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
Mainstream and Plus Workshop:	8:15 – 9:00 pm.
Full Plus dancing:	9:00 – 9:50 pm.

Rounds

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Our wonderful Cuers, Dan and Allison Drumheller, are currently teaching a **Foxtrot** class, which will continue through January 17, 2018.

Club News



Eric Henerlau’s Presentation “What’s Right With Square Dancing?”

Eric presented the keynote address entitled “What’s Right With Square Dancing” at the 66th National Square Dance Convention, June 23, 2017, in Cincinnati, Ohio. You may have seen a copy of his speech on the table during our Club night. A summary of the presentation at callerlabknowledge.org reads “Eric Henerlau delivered an exciting keynote address at the 66th National Convention in Cincinnati. His remarks were heavily laced with wonderful ideas and insights for how we can go about growing our square dance activity.” After reading Eric’s speech, I am again reminded how lucky we are to have him as our Club’s Caller and wish we all could have been there to hear him address the Convention. When you get a chance to read his speech, you will be inspired!



Special Recognition Award to Brad Christie in April 2017

Last April in Mesa, Arizona, Callerlab, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, awarded our very own Brad Christie their “Special Recognition Award” for his square dancing opus “Taminations”. Brad is the creator, developer, and webmaster of the incredible Taminations website and app that so many of us (and other square dancers around the globe) could not live without (and this app is offered to everyone at no charge!) The Callerlab June publication, “direction” has a wonderful article about Brad and Taminations. I know that we recognized Brad for this award earlier this year during Club night, but we wanted to memorialize his achievement in the newsletter, too. Congratulations, Brad, and thank you for all your hard work on Taminations and also our Club website!



Fun Fundraisers! – This year Twirlers have been working hard (and playing hard!) to raise money for the Club to help with our outreach and marketing efforts.

In June, energetic Twirlers joined Foggy City and other square dancing clubs serving up brews to an enthusiastic (and thirsty!) crowd at the SF Pride Parade. Sloshing all that beer

around made \$520 for the Club, in addition to showing solidarity with our LGBTQ community!

In July, our Membership coordinator, Marilyn Ryan, organized a fundraiser and picnic at Marin Bocce Federation and appealed to the competitive and charitable spirit of the Twirlers. Turns out our square dancers exhibited a laser focus on the “jack” ball and were quite happy to part with a total of \$245 for a chance to knock someone else’s ball out of contention!

And in September, we danced with our friends from Oaktown 8s and Martinez Swingers at the Solano Stroll in the East Bay (braving the unseasonable heat and perennial crowds), giving the folks there something to square up about. Eric Henerlau, along with some help from Kurt Golhardt, entertained the crowds and called tips for our indefatigable dancers for 3 hour-long sets, showing the 220,000 strollers how much fun square dancing is! We also worked a booth the entire day, answering questions and hopefully drumming up interest in square dancing. And to help with our marketing efforts, the Solano Avenue Association paid us \$275 for our performance! It will be wonderful if some of the festival-goers will be inspired to join us.

Thanks to everyone who participated in these events! We are hopeful that your investment in our Club will yield a vibrant and growing square dancing community.



Silent Auction - Thanks to all who participated (donating, buying, and baking!) in our Silent Auction on November 8. We raised over \$510 to help offset the cost of our Holiday dinner party **(still time to sign up!)** Special thanks to Janet and Marilyn who organized the event.



Thanksgiving Celebration and SF-Marín Food Bank Donation – On November 15, the Club had a wonderful time celebrating Thanksgiving with incredible food, camaraderie, and dancing (to work off the food!). And in the spirit of recognizing all we have to be thankful for, the Twirlers donated **\$705** (which ended up being over \$1400 due to a corporate match!) to the SF-Marín Food Bank. Thank you all for your generosity and special thanks to Kathy, Tracy, Marge, and June for working so hard to make the event possible. And thank you, June, for coordinating with the Food Bank. (June will continue to collect for the Food Bank until Christmas.)



Capturing of the Golden Buckskin! After capturing the buckskin on April 18, and then surrendering it back to the San Mateo Roadrunners on May 17, we have an opportunity to track it down again at the Caper Cutters in San Francisco (this buckskin

really gets around)! Secretary Ann Shores recently hinted that a raid should be staged before the Roadrunners make off with it again!



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

Setup and Cleanup Schedule.

Our Hospitality Coordinator, Tracy Solomon, is now publishing the Setup/Cleanup schedule and instructions via email. Be sure and check your inbox for the most current schedule. Thank you, Tracy!

Officers

President: Tom Shores
Past President: Janet Sayles
Vice President: 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!! 

November and December: Carol and Ralph Parker, Eric Henerlau, Paul Prudhomme, and Linda Breakstone.

See you on the dance floor!