

# Tam Twirlers



Square Dance for fun!

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## Tam Twirlers Square Dancers, Inc. Newsletter Spring 2019

The tenacity of the Tam Twirlers was on full display this past winter as we forged our way through howling wind and drenching rain to get ourselves to the dance hall and have some fun. To all those who braved the storms, we salute you.

We had a good turnout for our free introductory night on February 6<sup>th</sup> and fourteen new dancers signed up for the new class that started February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please help welcome our new dancers (Judi, Mark, Vicki, Alice, Alrene, Mark, Carrie, Phyllis, Dennis, Kramer, Marlena, Jen, Ginny, and Chuck) by saying hello and being a helping angel in a square.

Three dancers signed up for the second round of classes (Teri, Mark, Katya) and will be receiving their official Tam Twirlers name badges.

Dan and Allison began a new intermediate Rumba class with good participation and quite a few dancers coming down from the northern communities.

*Speaking of our northern communities,* a new weekly

square dance venture has started up in Petaluma headed by an energetic Dan Lyke on Thursday nights at Hermann Sons Hall. A recent write up in the Argus Courier talks about how square



dancing has changed with our society and makes a compelling argument of the benefits it offers. Follow the link:

<https://www.petaluma360.com/entertainment/9322421-181/square-dancing-makes-local-comeback>



### *Why become a member of Tam Twirlers?*

- When you are a member of the Tam Twirlers, you get the benefit of lower dance fees. Members pay a fixed monthly dues amount that entitles them to all the regular dances, even if there are five dance nights in the month. This cost per night is less than the class rate and even less than the guest rate.
- Becoming a member creates a social bond between you and other members of the Tam Twirlers. You become part of the local community of square dancers.
- As a member of a club, you have a link to other clubs in the local area. Most clubs belong to a regional association, and our affiliation is with the Northern California Square Dancers Association (NCSDA).
- Being a member makes you part of the greater square dance community. As an international activity that is standardized throughout the world, you will have a built-in relationship with other dancers in clubs you visit. You will have friends anywhere you find a square dance.



**A big thank you to Ron** for stepping up and volunteering to be our new Membership Person. Ron will be taking pictures of us between tips to be put in a roster along with our names and email address. He will also be your liaison for concerns and feedback to promote a better club experience.





On February 27<sup>th</sup> we turned out the bright overhead lights and danced under the mystical glow of the black lights which added a different dimension to our club dancing. Thanks to Brenda for bringing extra black and disco lights to help fill out the corners of the hall. The club has purchased more overhead black lights since we could use some more in the rear of the hall and added more disco lights as well. The fluorescent tape, white gloves, and enthusiasm made for a groovy night. Painted faces anyone?



*The Tam Twirlers* has teamed up with the Iron Springs Public House in San Rafael which opened in January 2018. It is a locally owned and operated pub style restaurant that serves food along with their own hand crafted beers. They have a program called “Iron Springs Public House Give Back Mondays” which is designed to support the local community and for the community to learn about them. Each Monday they donate 10% of all sales from the bar and restaurant between the hours of 4:00 and 9:30pm to local nonprofits, which we are. We have reserved April 15<sup>th</sup> on their calendar to be the nonprofit recipient that night.

John, Sydney, and Steve will be there from 6:00pm on to hand out literature about Tam Twirlers and of course enjoy a good meal. We ask all our students and members to visit Iron Springs Public House on April 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate filing your taxes on time, or not, between the hours of 4:00 and 9:30pm to enjoy a meal, celebrate with a drink and learn about a new neighbor. They are located at 901 4<sup>th</sup> St. in San Rafael.

All monies received from the Iron Springs will go into the clubs reserves which we use to run the club but more importantly to host two special dances this year. Visit their website to learn more about them and look over the menu. <https://ironspringspub.com/publichouse/>



We will have our annual silent auction soon (date TBD). This event is where you can get rid of all that stuff you've been meaning to part with but just haven't yet. Just bring your donated items to the club and they should find a new home. Again, the proceeds from this will subsidize the clubs special dances and operations. More on this to follow.



This all leads to the big event of the year, our 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dance on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

This year we're dancing at Vallecito School in San Rafael. This is always a well attended event and a lot of fun. David Mee will be the guest caller with Dan and Allison cueing the rounds. Last year we had about 130 dancers attending. June is just around the corner so mark your calendars.



This dance has proven to be a favorite of many so we decided to host a second club dance but on a smaller scale and focus more on our newer dancers. This will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon which is a Sunday. More on both of these dances to follow.

Please look for the white board on the front of the stage as it has upcoming club events and information. Browse the side table next to the snacks where all the flyers are for upcoming hoedowns and festivals.

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