

Tam Twirlers

Square Dance for fun!



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Tam Twirlers Square Dancers, Inc. Newsletter Fall 2019

The members of the Tam Twirlers have been keeping themselves busy in and out of the club with a variety of events this summer with a lot of us going to plenty of hoedowns around the Bay Area and some to the National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. We also found time to do numerous things to benefit the club and have some fun at the same time.

Most notably, we had a blowout fundraiser this year with **The Pride Day Parade** in San Francisco on June 30th where 9 members of the Tam Twirlers volunteered to help run a cocktail booth in conjunction with the Foggy City Dancers. It was a busy day of pouring and serving drinks yet full of good vibes and music with an endless parade of scantily clad revelers, all in a really good mood. Our club realized \$2100.00 from the event. Wow!



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We also held a Bocce Ball Playday fundraiser at The Marin Bocce Federation in San Rafael on August 4th. This is always a relaxing way to spend a few hours one afternoon playing bocce ball, feasting on a picnic lunch, and enjoying the camaraderie. What's not to like? And we raised \$200.

Our popular silent auction was held on July 31st and some old and some new treasures exchanged hands. This is a good way to recycle items you no longer

need and help the club at the same time. Way to go. \$415 was raised.

We donned our duds for several demo dances around town, most notably the Marin County Fair and the July 4th Corte Madera Parade. If you haven't danced at the July 4th parade you are missing a treat. Our caller Mr. Eric Henerlau is truly a force of to be reckoned with and at times can get a little carried away. This year he encouraged all the little youngsters to join him in the "Little Duck Goes Quack Quack Quack" song by waddling around on his haunches in the middle of the street, flapping his arms and quaking wildly. I've never seen him so happy; this is what he lives for. I'll never forget it.



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Another demo dance found us at the posh Redwoods in Mill Valley on June 8th where Mark Shepherd filled in as our caller due to Eric being out of town. He did a wonderful job performing a couple of singing calls. There were other singing and dancing acts there as well to entertain the residents. Thanks to all who attended.

Our 41st Anniversary Dance on June 15th was a big success with lots of happy square and round dancers. The calling of Eric and David Mee was top notch and the cueing of Dan and Allison leading the rounds is always first rate. The decorations and well stocked food table added to the festivities. The Tam Twirlers know how to throw a Hoedown. Vallecito School proved to be a good venue so we will be holding our 42nd Anniversary Dance there as well. If you missed it, you missed it.

Our first ever Fall Frolic Dance on September 28th was a resounding success. We geared this hoedown to the newer dancer with Scot Byars calling and Dan and Allison cueing the rounds. Dan Lyke brought several of his newer dancers down and the Martinez Swingers showed up en masse to take the coffee. Thanks to Scot for keeping it fun for everyone and to Dan and Allison for getting everybody on the dance floor for a round dancing intro.

Putting on these special dances is a lot of fun for me because I enjoy them so much. Knowing that we organized such a fun event for everyone makes me feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Having a good hoedown to go to is what we practice for. I would like to thank everyone who pitched in and made these dances some of the best around. Well done.

As many of you know we just started our September class and have some new faces around the club. Let's make them feel welcome into our square dance community with a friendly hello and by being an angel. Thanks to those who put out lawn signs in creative places and talking up the club. Ah yes, I can remember when I was new and trying to figure out who that crazy caller was.



Looking ahead we have our October 30th Halloween party night coming up. Come dressed in a costume and celebrate The Day of the Dead by dancing the night away.

We also will be having our Annual Holiday Party in December, date to be determined. Stay tuned.

Next year is the 69th National Square Dance Convention in Spokane, Washington on June 17, 18, 19, 20, 2020. This is considered "close by" for this event so some of us are already planning to go. If you have ever wanted to attend one of these, this would be the one. It would be fun to have a group of Tam Twirlers going to this event. More on this to follow.



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