

Tam Twirlers

Square Dance for fun!



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Tam Twirlers Square Dancers, Inc. Newsletter Winter 2020

Welcome to our new January dancers Finton, Lisa, Joyce, Susan, and AJ. We hope you enjoy all the fun and comradery that square dancing offers . Returning for continuing basic dancing are Ira, Tom, Stella, Risto, Pam, and Kathleen. Joining the Tam Twirlers as members are Kathleen, Valerie, Mark, and Teri. I think someone somewhere once said; “It’s the **people** that make the club what it is.”

What it is: On February 26th club members Tom and John will arrive early at the club and start setting up black lights and disco lights. Mary and Teri will also arrive early to set up food tables and to decorate the hall, in an effort to transform our dance hall into an other worldly place. Eric will hold his beginner class as usual and then at about 8:15 the white lights turn off and the black lights turn on and we all begin to glow. Eric will keep to easy calling so we all can join in and later he will lead us in his famous “YMCA” sign along. We might even be able to talk Brad into calling my new favorite, “I want to Drive my Zamboni”



Nine Tam Twirlers went to the Clutch Busters Dance Club in Concord on Thursday, February 13th to “Steal the Buckskin.” This tradition was created in to get clubs to visit one another to promote solidarity and friendship. Gary Kendall entertained us with his solid calling and we enjoyed line dancing as well. This is a family oriented club where the clubs children learn to

dance with the adults and they were quite good and fun to dance with. We now have the buckskin and we will put our logo on it and display it at the club when we dance. This means that we should be getting a visit from another club as they attempt to “Steal the Buckskin” from us. Pretty cool idea.

We have a new Membership Person, Sally Pasternack. She is currently taking pictures of everyone which will go into the Tam Twirlers Database that the board uses to organize members and students by group to send informative emails. She also prepares and keeps track

of the sign in sheets which help us track attendance. Please give her a big smile when she comes around and remember to sign in at the front desk.



New volunteers Mary and Teri are taking over for Sydney on The Party Planning Committee as she is stepping down from her commitment as her life has gotten busier. They will be planning our monthly party nights by adding themes, doing setup, and decorations. They will appreciate help for the bigger events like our anniversary dance and holiday party. Thanks gals for stepping up.

In an effort to practice good hygiene around the refreshments, we ask everyone to use the new serving spoons and individual bowls when applicable. As always, hand sanitizer will be available. Also, in an effort to keep from getting hurt while we dance, which unfortunately does happen every now and then, please stay aware of where other dancers are so we don't crash into each other. If you see a slipping hazard like water on the floor please wipe it up or tell someone. We'll all benefit by being safe.

Round Dancers take note, Dan and Allison will be traveling and out of town on the following dates: March 11 and 18. May 6. June 17. July 1 and 8.

More Plus Dancing can be found at the Redwood Rainbows Saturday March 7 from 7:15 to 9:00 pm. Class level mainstream from 6:30 to 7:15. Saturday March 21 at the Twin City Steppers in Fairfield from 8:00 to 10:30. On Saturday April 4 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm dance plus to the Ghost Riders in Concord. Awesome. Flyers on the table.

New Dancer Hoedown in Walnut Creek on Sunday March 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance, great for beginning dancers. See Eric for tickets and details.



Are you struggling to remember how a call goes? Or even trying to remember the name of it? A great helper for square dancers of all levels is the brilliant website created by our own Brad Christie. It shows square dance calls as animations and it's free. It can be accessed from the Tam Twirlers home page, <https://www.tamtwirlers.org/>

Happy Dancing!!