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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

SEASONAL DANCE PARTIES!

Tis the season to be dancing!

We'll have several parties to celebrate the holiday season with our dance community.

- Our **Halloween Party** falls on the night of the 5th Saturday Challenging Contra with music by **Erin Shrader** and **Richard Mandel** and calling by **Charlie Fenton**. Plan your costumes ~ there will be prizes. This one is for experienced dancers only.
- The **Nettles** and **Frannie Marr** will provide a pre-Thanksgiving smorgasbord of great music and calling at our **November 20** Santa Rosa dance. Start the calorie burn!
- Marin Unitarian Hall hosts **Steam Packet** and **Susan Petrick** on **Dec. 12** for some holiday fun. A pre-dance potluck & caroling will make this dance even more festive.
- The ever-popular annual Holiday Dessert Potluck Gala features Bay Area favorites **wiNgNuts** and **Kelsey Hartman**. Be at Monroe Hall on **December 18** to celebrate!

* New Year's Eve Party! *

What better way to celebrate the New Year than contra dancing! Thursday, Dec. 31 is the date, Mill Valley's gorgeous Strawberry Hall is the place. This year we'll dance to some of the best talent on the West Coast. Bay Area's fiddling genius Ben Schrieber will be joined by Jeff Spero on keyboard and Ashley Broader on mandolin—both from West Coast favorite, the Syncopaths. Look forward to the chill cool grooves of Uncle Farmer mixed with the sophisticated excitement of the Synchs. Our own Susan Pleck will match some great dances to the fabulous music. She brings her impish good nature to her calling style, helping even new dancers relax into the groove of the dance. A delicious feast is included to tickle your tastebuds. Our theme will be black & white & precious metals ~ start thinking about your festive attire.

EPICENTER 2016!

The buzz is in the air about the fantastic talent lined up for NBCDS' huge contra dance party weekend in Mill Valley. Check out this lineup:

ELIXIR NILS FREDLAND

JIGJAZZ LISA GREENLEAF

Camp favorite **Elixir** has been thrilling dancers from Coast to Coast with traditional & original music, mixing driving fiddle, groovy rhythms, swiny clarinet and exciting horns. **JigJazz** combines Rodney Miller on fiddle, Jeremiah McLane on accordion & keyboard, David Surette on guitar & mandolin and Pokey Hellenberg on percussion — 4 of the best musicians in the history of contra dancing!

Much loved & legendary callers **Lisa Greenleaf** and **Nils Fredland** need no introduction. It might be dangerous with so much great talent on a known Fault zone — be at the Epicenter!

Save the date: **April 1-3, 2016.**

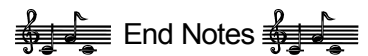
Registration begins in November.

YOUTH PRICES DECREASED

How often do you hear about prices dropping these days? The NBCDS Board addressed the fact that youth rates were the same for regular and special dances. Instead of increasing admission for special dances they voted to lower the regular prices. They also increased the age of youth pricing to anyone under 30, before it had been 26 and under. Prices for youth, financial hardship and full-time students are now \$5 for regular dances and \$7 for special dances. Tell all your young friends!

NO SNOW BALL

The December Petaluma contra dance is cancelled this quarter to give everyone the opportunity to dance at the 29th annual BACDS No Snow Ball. In the spirit of collaboration, NBCDS urges dancers to check out this wonderful evening of dancing. The fabulous traveling musical talent will be **Maivish** and **Tunestone**, with calling by **Rachel Wallace** and **Jean Gorrindo**. This year, for the first time, there will be contra and waltzing in two adjoining ballrooms all evening! Festive attire and a scrumptious dessert feast are also highlights of this popular holiday party. Come join in the opulent fun on **Sunday, December 6, 6:00—10:00 pm** at the Lake Merritt Dance Center, Oakland. For more information go to www.BACDS.org info.



Dancing with the feet is one thing, but dancing with the heart is another.

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Fall 2015

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET ~ 1st Sun, 6:30 – 9:30 pm; Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcds.org

SRF ~ 2nd Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin (Unitarian Church), 240 Channing Way, San Rafael
Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley; skamato@hotmail.com

SRO ~ 3rd Fri, 5th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com

SEB Contra ~ 4th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; andy@nbcds.org

SEB ECD ~ 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 707-829-0168, kalia@nbcds.org
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Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

Regular dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$5 adults under 30, FT students w/ ID or financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free.

Special Dance prices: \$14 non-members (Strawberry Hall \$15); \$12 members; \$7 adults under 30, students or financial hardship

Apple Tree Morris dancers meet weekly and welcome new members - no experience necessary. Cliff Stevens, 823-6925, cliff@kichu.com

Go to <http://www.nbcds.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

October

Sun 4	ECD	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Stan Kramer (violin), Susan Kramer (flute), Bill Jensen (piano)
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Mike Fynan	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar)
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Kalia Kliban	Jon Berger (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano), Dan Reynolds (bass) Unitarian Church
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Whimsical: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Roxanne Oliva (accordian), Beth Christian (cello)
Sun 18	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Priscilla Call-ESSERT (flute), Gary Thomas (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Celia Ramsay	Mental Notes: Michael Harmon (guitar), Roxanne Oliva (accordion, winds), Rebecca Richman (fiddle, concertina)
Sat 31	Contra	SRO	Charlie Fenton	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar) Halloween Party ~ Prizes for Best Costume CHALLENGING CONTRA - NOT FOR BEGINNERS

November

Sun 1	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Kalia Kliban	Switching Protocols: Ruthie Byers (fiddle), John Michael Seng-Wheeler (piano), Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin)
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Lynn Ackerson	Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Brian Therault (fiddle, guitar), Charlie Hancock (piano) Unitarian Church
Sun 15	ECD	SEB	Graham Christian	Rebecca King (piano), Diana McNally-McCall (violin, recorder), Jon Berger (violin)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Frannie Marr (L.A.)	The Nettles (OR): Laura Brophy (fiddle), Kevin Johnsrude (guitar), Michael Proctor (bass), Brian Bucolo (percussion)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	TBA	TBA

December

Sun 6	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band
Sun 6	Contra	PET	Dance Cancelled	Go to the No Snow Ball at the Lake Merritt Dance Hall in Oakland. For more information go to www.baeds.org
Sat 12	Contra	SRF	Susan Petrick	Steam Packet: Erin Shrader (fiddle), Paul Kotapish (mandolin), Richard Mandel (guitar) Unitarian Church ~ Special Christmas party with caroling and potluck
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Kelsey Hartman	wiNgNuts: Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Isele Harper (flute), Will Wheeler (guitar) Holiday Gala ~ Dessert Potluck ~ 8:00—11:30
Sun 20	ECD	SEB	Alisa Dodson	Claudia Holt (violin), Jon Berger (violin), Rebecca King (piano)
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Dance cancelled	Happy Holidays! See you in 2016!
Thu 31	Contra	SRF	Susan Pleck	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Ashley Broder (mandolin), Jeff Spero (keyboard) New Year's Eve Party - Strawberry Hall 8 pm to 12:15 am \$20 members, \$25 non-members, \$15 under 30/FT students/financial hardship

Contra dancing and English country dancing are easy, fun, friendly and inclusive. All dances are taught and prompted, and feature great live music. No experience is necessary; come alone or bring a friend. Wear comfortable clothes and low, smooth-soled, comfortable shoes. Scent-free dancing appreciated!