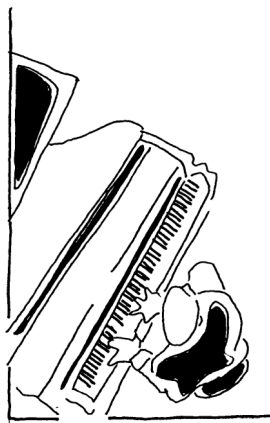


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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What's That Rumbling We Hear?

Faultline Frolic, our quirky NBCDS urban dance camp, celebrates its second decade with a jolt June 19—21 when we present two hard rocking A list bands and a pair of outstanding callers. Our weekend features Hotpoint Stringband, the Rhythm Raptors, Lisa Greenleaf and Joyce Miller.

Hotpoint, from Athens, OH, was the first band to play a dance weekend for us way back when we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the founding of NBCDS. We called it Hotfoot, and this scrappy and original band has had a special place in our hearts and soles ever since. It is uniquely driven by Hilarie Burhans' banjo, Mark Burhans' original tunes, and the irresistible rhythms of Pokey, Marlene and Nick.

While you may not have danced yet to the Rhythm Raptors in this configuration, you know the stellar members: Rodney Miller on fiddle, TJ Crow on mandolin, and Jeff Spero on keyboard. We consider ourselves fortunate prey for these Raptors. You'll hear testimonials of how they recently enraptured the crowd at Fiddling Frog.

And surely you already know the delights of dancing to Lisa Greenleaf's calling. Having her out from Massachusetts frosts our cake as surely as does our Foothills favorite, Joyce Miller. Both callers are masterful in choosing diverse dances, leading clear and clean walkthroughs, and backing off when it's time for your muscle memory to take over and let you frolic to these relentlessly pulsing bands.

Sign up now to spend that third weekend of June in the groove with your dancing friends at our beloved Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa. Go to <http://www.nbcds.org/faultlinefrolic2015.html> for more info and to register. Remember that Monroe is a smaller hall, and we have to limit dancers, so sign up early.

Dance Up the Sun with ATM

As we do each year, Apple Tree Morris (ATM) will dance the sun up on May 1st, just behind the Community Center Youth Annex on Morris St. in Sebastopol. The sun rises at 6:12, but plan on arriving a little past 5:30 to catch the first dances. Make sure to dress warmly, bring chairs, blankets, and food to share at the potluck breakfast that follows. There will be Morris dancing, community social dancing, and singing. For more information, call Cliff at 707-823-6925.

Change to Special Dance Prices

The Board of Directors recently voted to raise prices at special dances for non-members to make pricing more equitable. They will be raised to \$14, except at Strawberry Hall, where higher rental costs require non-member prices be increased to \$15. Member prices will remain the same. Join NBCDS now to save even more!

Contra Dance Band Workshop

It's your last chance to sign up for the Contra dance band workshop April 11 & 12. Learn to play for Contra dances from the masters: New Hampshire Artist Laureate & National Endowment for the Arts Master Fiddler, **Rodney Miller**; and **Jeff Spero**, keyboard wizard from the Syncopaths and Rhythm Raptors. After the workshop, participants will play with Rodney and Jeff for the evening dance. Saturday's workshop is in Mill Valley and Sunday's is in Petaluma. Go to the NBCDS website or contact Susan at susan@nbcds.org to register.

Spring Dance Fever

Soothe your spring fever with some great dancing this quarter. Keep an eye on the calendar so you don't miss out on special dances. Here are some highlights:

*April 5 in Petaluma **Seaglass**, a dynamic new trio from New York, combines the formidable talents of Eileen Nicholson, Rachel Bell and Andrew VanNorstrand (from Great Bear Trio).

* It will be our great fortune and pleasure to dance to the National Endowments for the Arts Master Fiddler **Rodney Miller**. Check the calendar for four great dances!

* May 30/Santa Rosa & June 7/Petaluma, nationally renowned caller, Gaye Fifer joins the piping hot **Coffee Zombies** from Kentucky. Check them out on YouTube.

* June 21 in Mill Valley is **Aftershock!** The post-Faultline dance with legendary groovemeisters **Hotpoint Stringband** & dancers' favorite caller **Lisa Greenleaf**.

* June 27 in Sebastopol brings a treat- **Laura Light & George Paul**. The former Avant Gardeners will rock the hall!

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Spring 2015

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET 1st Sun Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcds.org
 SRF 2nd Sat Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin (UUCM), 240 Channing Way, San Rafael
 Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; skamato@hotmail.com
 SRO 3rd Fri, 5th Sat Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com
 SEB Contra 4th Sat Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; andy@nbcds.org
 SEB ECD 1st & 3rd Sun Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 2:00 - 4:30 pm; 707-829-0168 or 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; \$7 adults under 26, FT students w/ ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free.
 Special Dance prices: \$14 non-members (Strawberry Hall \$15); \$12 members; \$7 adults under 26, students & 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.

April

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	Gary Thomas (piano) & friends
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Yoyo Zhou	Seaglass (MA): Andrew VanNorstrand (guitar), Eileen Nicholson (fiddle), Rachel Bell (accordion) Special dance prices
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Lynn Ackerson	Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Jeff Spero (L.A.) (keyboard) + Workshop Band (1st half) Special dance prices, Strawberry Reception Hall
Sun 12	Contra	PET	Lynn Ackerson	Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Jeff Spero (L.A.) (piano), band workshop participants Special dance prices
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Erik Hoffman	Rodney Miller (fiddle), Jeff Spero (piano) Special dance prices
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Alisa Dodson	Bangers & Mash
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Mental Notes: Michael Harmon (guitar), Roxanne Oliva (accordion, winds), Rebecca Richman (fiddle/concertina) Pre-Dance: Group Singing 6:40 – 7:30

May

Sun 3	ECD	SEB	Ric Goldman	Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Christopher Jacoby
Sun 3	Contra	PET	Ric Goldman	Raggedy Annes: Anne Goess (fiddle), Andy Eggleston (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sat 9	Contra	SRF	Kalia Kliban	Crabapples: Marta Lynch (fiddle), Bob Silberstein (mandolin), Norm Cotton (piano, fiddle), Teresa Fife (bass) UUCM—Special pre-dance events - Celebration of spring! Potluck! Watch for details.
Fri 15	Contra	SRO	Kalia Kliban	Luceo: Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano), Karl Franzen, (guitar, whistle)
Sun 17	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	Debra Tayleur (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Maggie Moore (violin)
Sat 23	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	Whimsical: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Roxanne Oliva (accordion), Beth Christian (cello)
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Gaye Fifer (PA)	Coffee Zombies: Bob Douglas (KY) (percussion), Dianna Davis (IN) (clarinet, piano), Tom Cunningham (KY) (fiddle) Special dance prices ~ CHALLENGING CONTRA- NOT FOR BEGINNERS

June

Sun 7	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Laurie Reaume (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Priscilla Essert (flute)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Gaye Fifer (PA)	Coffee Zombies: Tom Cunningham (KY) (fiddle), Bob Douglas (guitar, percussion) Dianna Davis (IN) (keyboard, accordion, clarinet and feet), Special dance prices
Sat 13	Contra	SRF	Erik Hoffman	Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano) Special dance prices ~ Universalist Unitarian Congregation
Sun 14	ECD	SEB	Robin Hayden	Rebecca King (piano), Mindy Rosenfeld (woodwinds), Jon Berger (violin) Special Post-Mad Robin Ball Dance
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Dance Cancelled	for FAULTLINE FROLIC WEEKEND ~ preregistration only ~ go to www.nbcds.org to sign up
Sun 21	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band
Sun 21	Contra	SRF	Lisa Greenleaf (MA)	Hotpoint Stringband (OH): Mark Burhans (fiddle), Hilarie Burhans (banjo), Marlene Shostak (keyboard), Nick Weiland (bass), Mark Hellenberg (percussion) Aftershock! Special dance prices ~ Strawberry Reception Hall ~ 7:30—10:30
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Kelsey Hartman	Laura Light (VA) (fiddle), George Paul (VA) (accordion) Pre-Dance: Potluck 6:30 – 7:30

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!