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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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15th Annual Mad Robin Ball

Fifteen years ago a dedicated group of NBCDS English Country Dancers held the first Mad Robin Ball in Petaluma, not knowing whether or not it would attract Bay Area dancers for a late Spring ball. The first ball was a success and we have been able to continue bringing top quality callers and musicians every year since then. This year we are very pleased to have the exciting young caller, **Joanna Reiner**, as dancing mistress for the **June 11, 2016, Mad Robin Ball at Hermann Sons Hall in Petaluma**. Joanna is an English and Scottish caller from Philadelphia who is known for the clarity of her teaching, her enthusiasm, and her obvious joy of both teaching and dancing.

Joining Joanna will be an exciting and energetic band made up of **Charlie Hancock** on piano, **Shira Kammen** on violin, and **Jim Oakden** on numerous plucked, blown, and strummed instruments.

We hereby invite all English Country dancers to join us at the ball. For more information please go to our website at: <http://madrobin.org/>

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. This year May Day conveniently falls on a Sunday, making it easier for all of us to attend. The sun rises at 6:13, 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 info, call Cliff at 707-823-6925. Come and join in the festivities!

Faultline Registration Opens!

Clear your calendar the third weekend of June for Faultline Frolic at Monroe Hall! Dancing, singing, eating and celebrating community are all key to this special urban dance weekend. Headliners are **Notorious** with Betsy Branch (Eden MacAdam-Somer has a good excused absence with a baby due in June) and sassy Southern caller **Cis Hinkle**. Notorious co-founder Larry Unger will be at the helm as usual with banjo and guitar and his spectrum of original and irresistible dance melodies. Alongside will be mandolin powerhouse Sam Bartlett and Pokey on percussion and banjo uke. Notorious bandmates chose fiddler Betsy Branch to head down from the Northwest and stand in for Eden. Faultline alumni recall that Larry & Eden inaugurated the very first Frolic. The second year Sam joined them, and the third year Pokey made it the Notorious that has exhilarated sweaty dancers ever since. If you're a regular, you undoubtedly know that Cis Hinkle's calling skill, unflinching sense of humor and graciousness account for her being in demand at camps throughout the country. Saturday morning you can dance to **Paddy Ryan's Dream** with Bay Area favorites Chris Knepper on fiddle and mandolin, Anne Goess on fiddle, and Charlie Hancock on accordion & keyboard. Warren Blier will call with them, treating us with his expert calling and fabulous dance choices.

The size of our weekend is constrained by the dimensions of our beloved Monroe Hall, so don't procrastinate signing up. Pick up a registration form at any local dance or go to www.nbcds.org and print one out.

Quake in Your Boots!

...Or in this case your dance shoes. Two earth shaking dances are coming our way with the aftershocks of the NBCDS Spring urban dance camps.

Feel the Epicenter shockwaves in Mill Valley at the **Strawberry Hall** on Sunday, **April 3**, with **JigJazz** and **Lisa Greenleaf**! JigJazz brings together Rodney Miller on fiddle, Jeremiah McLane on accordion & keyboard, Sam Bartlett on mandolin, and Mark "Pokey" Hellenberg on percussion & banjo uke. Four of the best Contra musicians plus one stellar caller equals a rocking good time!

The Aftershock of Faultline Frolic will be felt with equal force at **Strawberry Hall on Sunday, June 19**, with music by **Notorious** and calling by **Cis Hinkle**. Come ride the shockwaves created by this great dance music and fabulous calling!

Both special dances will be priced at \$12 members, \$15 non-members & \$7 under 30/financial hardship/students. That's a steal for the opportunity to dance to such exceptional, nationally renowned talent!

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Spring 2016

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@nbcbs.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@nbcbs.org

SEB ECD ~ 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 707-829-0168, kalia@nbcbs.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 and 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 & 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.nbcbs.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

April

Sun 3	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Laurie Reaume (piano), Maggie Moore (violin), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Sun 3	Contra	PET	Dance cancelled for the Post-Epicenter dance at Mill Valley Strawberry Hall.	
Sun 3	Contra	SRF	Lisa Greenleaf (MA)	JigJazz: Rodney Miller (WA) (fiddle), Sam Bartlett (IN) (mandolin), Jeremiah McLane (VT) (accordion & keyboard), Mark "Pokey" Hellenberg (OH) (percussion, banjo uke) Special Dance ~ Epicenteric! Strawberry Hall ~ special prices \$12/\$15/\$7
Fri 15	Contra	SRO	Robin Steen	Rebecca King (piano), Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Topher Gayle (guitar, mandolin, percussion)
Sun 17	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band
Sat 23	Contra	SEB	Robin Steen	Soul Weaving: Jonathan Goodwin (fiddle, soprano banjo), Ehlert Lassen (guitar), Stephen Evans (cello) Pre-Dance: Group Singing 6:45 – 7:30
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Charlie Fenton	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), George Paul (VA) (piano) CHALLENGING CONTRA - NOT FOR BEGINNERS

May

Sun 1	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Bill Jensen (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Christopher Jacoby (clarinet)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Louise Siddons (OK)	Raven Hill: Anne Goess (fiddle), Burke Trieschmann (guitar), Charlie Hancock (accordion)
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Kelsey Hartman	BLAM!: Marta Lynch (fiddle), Elizabeth Todd (flute, harmonica, percussion), Bob Silberstein, (piano) ~ Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin
Sun 15	ECD	SEB	Sharon Green	Bill Jensen (piano), Susan Jensen (flute), Jon Berger (violin)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Kelsey Hartman	The Newts: Chris Knepper (fiddle), Noel Cragg (keyboard)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	TBA	Ruby Mt. String Band: Cliff Landis (banjo, fiddle), Julia Landis (guitar), Darin Smith (cello) Pre-Dance: Beginner Waltz Workshop taught by Andy Westbom, 6:30 - 7:30

June

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Ric Goldman	Rebecca King (piano), Maurette Foster (flute), Maggie Moore (violin)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Kelsey Hartman	wiNgNuts: Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Christie Hubbard (flute), Will Wheeler (guitar, foot percussion),
Sun 12	ECD	SEB	Joanna Reiner	Jon Berger (violin), Rebecca King (piano) Special Post-Mad-Robin-Ball dance
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Dance Cancelled for FAULTLINE FROLIC WEEKEND~preregistration only~ go to www.nbcbs.org to sign up	
Sun 19	Contra	SRF	Cis Hinkle (GA)	Notorious: Betsy Branch (OR) (fiddle) Larry Unger (MA) (banjo, guitar), Sam Bartlett (IN) (mandolin), Mark "Pokey" Hellenberg (OH) (percussion) Special Dance ~ Aftershock! Strawberry Hall ~ special prices \$12/\$15/\$7
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Patti Cobb (piano), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin), Judy Linsenberg (recorder)
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Ken Olcott	Whimsical: Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Roxanne Oliva (accordion, flute)

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!