

North Bay Country Dance Society

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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Virtual Dancing

Did you know our NBCDS Meetup group has 403 members?! Some of these people regularly and joyfully attend our dances, and many are just virtual dancers - people who have joined our Meetup site but have never attended a dance. Virtual dancing may be good for the imagination but the physical and mental health benefits are probably negligible. Our virtual dancers need encouragement. It does take courage to go to a dance for the first time. You can help these dance wanabes by googling "North Bay Country Dance Meetup," join the site and scroll through the list of members. If you know anyone, send them a message inviting them to a dance you will attend. You can also make comments about dances you have enjoyed and praise the beginners. Many of our potential dance community members are also on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, write on your own timeline or post on the NBCDS page to share your love of contra dancing.

Help spread the joys of reality dancing!

Join Us!

Your last chance to become a 2015 member of NBCDS is quickly approaching. Your membership helps support publicity and overhead. Members receive a \$2 discount to NBCDS and most other CDS dances, a nifty NBCDS name badge, and our annual membership directory. Membership for the second half of the year (after July 1) is only \$10, which more than pays for itself if you go to only one dance a month! Print out our online membership form or pick one up at any of our dances. Mail your check and completed form or bring it to any dance. For more info email emily@nbcds.org or go to www.nbcds.org/membership.html.

Special Dances This Summer

This summer brings wonderful dances by fabulous talent. See the schedule for details. Highlights include:

In July we're blessed with the fiddling magic of legendary **Rodney Miller**. Local favorites **Daniel Steinberg** and **Paul Kotapish** join him at Strawberry Hall for some unforgettable dancing.

In August the **Morrison Brothers** play in San Rafael before Balance the Bay. Owen Marshall, the gifted guitarist from Elixir is joined by his father on fiddle and his brother on percussion, plus Nathan Wilson on bass.

The band **Steam!** is bringing power, energy and fun to contra dances across the country-catch them in Santa Rosa. Rodney Miller will be back in Mill Valley with the **Stringrays** before their gig at So Cal's Labor Day Dance Away. Don't miss this hot camp band! **Larry Unger** of Notorious teams up with **Audrey Knuth** of Free Raisins to rock the Santa Rosa Challenging Contra. Experienced dancers only!

Save the Date Epicenter 2016!

Epicenter 2015 was a grand success. Attendees are still raving about the great music, dancing and socializing at this year's urban contra weekend. Mark your calendars now for April 1-3, as we have fabulous talent slated for our next camp. Earth-shaking music by **Elixir** and **JigJazz** (a new band with Rodney Miller, Jeremiah McLane, David Surette and Mark "Pokey" Hellenberg.)! Stellar calling by **Lisa Greenleaf & Nils Fredland!**

Registration is in November. We're expecting to sell out quickly!

Inappropriate Dance Behavior

Everyone dancing should feel safe from unwanted attention and from comments and conduct of a sexual or harassing nature. However friendly and flirtatious the dance community may appear, sexual attention and comments are inappropriate when outside any dancer's comfort zone, and they are particularly unwelcome when coming from an older person to a younger person. If you are the recipient of a remark or behavior that makes you uncomfortable, you are encouraged to tell the person directly. "Please stop that" or "I don't like that" are examples of short and clear communication. If you are unable, for any reason, to resolve the situation on your own, tell someone in charge, like a dance manager or Board member. Even if you have resolved the situation, Board members would like to hear about the incident promptly to determine whether a pattern exists and additional action may be required.

If you are told to stop comments or behavior, or that your behavior is unwelcome, stop immediately and apologize.

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Summer 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@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; \$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.nbcbs.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

July

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Annie Rodier (violin), Erik Ievins (cello), Gary Thomas (piano)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Mavis McGaugh	Tripleplay: Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Chris Knepper (mandolin, fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Eric Black	Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Daniel Steinberg (piano, flute) Paul Kotapish (mandolin) Strawberry Hall, Special prices
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Lea Smith	Gus Garelick (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar)
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Bob Fraley	Jon Berger (violin), Avis Minger (violin), Ruthanne Fraley (piano)
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Robin Steen	Roadoilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), John Pedersen (banjo, fiddle), Perry Fly (guitar, concertina)

August

Sun 2	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	The Humus
Sun 2	Contra	PET	Chuck Abell (NY)	Stringfire: Erik Ievins (cello), Annie Rodier (fiddle), James MacQueen (fiddle), Patti Cobb (keyboard)
Thu 6	Contra	SRF	Kelsey Hartman	The Morrison Brothers (New England): Owen Morrison (guitar, foot), Jim Morrison (fiddle), Will Morrison (percussion), Nathan Wilson (KY) (bass) Unitarian Church, 7:30—10:30 pm, Special Prices
Sun 16	ECD	SEB	David Macemon	Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin), John Berger (violin), Anita Anderson (piano)
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Frannie Marr (LA)	Steam!: Alice Boyle (KS) (fiddle), Dave Firestone (CO) (mandolin, banjo), Claire Jamieson Zucker (AR) (bodhran), Robert Rosenberg (KS) (guitar) Special Prices
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	Dance Cancelled	
Sun 23	ECD	SEB	Jenny Beer	StringFire: Annie Rodier (violin), Patti Cobb (piano), Erik Ievins (cello)
Thu 27	Contra	SRF	Jean Gibson-Gorrindo	The Stringrays: Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Max Newman (MA) (guitar), Stuart Kenney (MA) (bass, banjo) Strawberry Hall, 7:30—10:30 pm, Special Prices
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Larry Unger (MA) (guitar, banjo), Audrey Knuth (MA) (fiddle) CHALLENGING CONTRA - NOT FOR BEGINNERS ~ Special Prices

September

Sun 6	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	Priscilla Essert (flute), Michelle Levy (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano)
Sun 6	Contra	PET	Alan Winston	BLAM!: Marta Lynch (fiddle), Bob Silberstein (piano), Elizabeth Todd (bodhran, winds)
Sat 12	Contra	SRF	Warren Blier	Stringfire: Annie Rodier (fiddle), James MacQueen (fiddle), Erik Ievins (cello), Patti Cobb (keyboard), Unitarian Church
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Susan Pleck	StringFire: James MacQueen (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Erik Ievins (cello)
Sun 20	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Susan Jensen (flute), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin), Bill Jensen (piano)
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Mike Fynan	Ruby Mt. String Band: Cliff Landis (fiddle, banjo), Julia Landis (guitar), Darin Smith (cello) Pre-Dance: Beginning Waltz Workshop by Andy Westbom, 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!