

## Introducing NBCDS ...

Dear dancer,

Greetings! Thank you for supporting the Santa Rosa Country Dance Society in the past. We are in the process of joining forces with the Sonoma 3rd-Friday Contra Dance and together we will officially be known as the North Bay Country Dance Society (NBCDS). We feel the new name reflects our region-wide effort to foster traditional American folk dance, music and song, and leaves open the possibility of joining with other local groups.

Our organization has seen a lot of changes so far this year: Marcus Pizzorno stepped down as dance coordinator to accept a position teaching English in Japan, several volunteers came forward to form our first-ever steering committee, we moved to Willowside School's great wooden dance floor, we sponsored a week-long country dance workshop for Willowside school students with Barbara Richman calling and Janette Duncan playing (gratis), and (thanks to a very generous donation by Don Bradley) we were able to file for official non-profit status! Not knowing the meaning of the word 'quit' (not to mention 'enough already!'), our all-volunteer steering committee has big plans for the future: joining with the national Country Dance and Song Society (CDSS) ...; which assists with federal non-profit status and advertises our dance to callers, musicians and dancers nationwide - and planning a Gala NBCDS Benefit dance for December with a variety of callers and musicians donating their time and considerable talents. As always, we are committed to supporting our "home-grown" artists, while also expanding our horizons with callers and musicians from all over California and beyond. We hope to offer not only monthly dances, but also special dance workshops and events.

### NBCDS Fall Contra Dance Schedule

Santa Rosa Oct. 1st:

Caller: Jim Saxe.

Band: Claudia Greene & friends.

Nov. 5th:

Caller: Barbara Coole-Richman. Band: Chris Knepper & friends.

Dec. 3rd:

Gala NBCDS Benefit with

Callers' Jubilee and Jam band.

Sonoma

Oct. 15th:

Caller: Barbara Coole-Richman. Band: Janette Duncan and Ray Frank.

Nov. 19:

Caller: Erik Hoffman. Band: Katherine Gardner, Dierdre Lynds, Charlie Hancock

Dec. 17:

Caller: TBA

Band: TBD

New location in Sonoma--cull for directions. 7:45 workshop, 8pm dance. Info: 938-1458. Sponsored by BACDS

Willowside School, 5285 Hall Rd., SR. 7:30 workshop, 8pm dance. Info: 7921877. Sponsored by NBCDS.

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Of course, all of this depends on the support of the dance community - in a word, you! We need your help in order to make this all happen. Your attendance at our monthly dances supports dancing in our area, and ensures that it doesn't remain a perennial 'beginner's dance.' Your financial support funds the maintenance and improvement of the dance organization, and helps to fulfill our mission to promote, preserve, study, teach, and enjoy American folk dance, music, and song.

### Fall Membership Drive Kicks Off

To this end, we are announcing our 1st annual Fall membership drive for NBCDS. Since 1987, membership rates have remained constant at \$4 per person per year, with no pro-ration. However, despite our dedicated cadre of volunteers, rising costs coupled with our efforts to improve and expand the dance community have necessitated raising our 1994 membership rates. With all that we have accomplished so far this year, and what we have to look forward to, we hope you'll agree that it's worth it! Here are some of the benefits of membership:

- insurance at all our sponsored events, including SR and Sonoma dances.
- mailings and other dance-related information.
- discounts on door fees at CDSS-affiliated dances and events (NBCDS, BACDS, etc.)
- membership card.
- eligibility for October raffle.

To further sweeten the deal, we are offering a special membership discount: if you become a member for 1994 by 10/31/93, then take \$2 off the 1994 membership rate. Please support your dance community: send in your membership today!

Thank you,

~~ the NBCDS Steering Committee (Jerry Allen, Don Bradley, Robin Cohen, Janette Duncan, Moira Hill, Sue Wendrow)

### Mailing List Update

NBCDS dance mailers are sent quarterly. NBCDS provides dance patrons with an initial complementary

6-months subscription. Due to the cost involved, we

cannot continue to send mailers indefinitely to those who do not attend the dances. Is this your last mailer? (Check the expiration date on your mailing label.) If it is and we don't hear from you, we have no choice but to (regrettably) drop you from our mailing list.