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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

line art by Becky Hill

## KGB in Petaluma!

KGB is more than a subversive Russian spy organization, they are also a subversive tune writing and Contra dance inspiring juggernaut! It has been quite some time since we have had the pleasure of dancing to one of Contra's most beloved West Coast bands, KGB. They will be coming down from Seattle to play at the No Snow Ball on December 2nd in Oakland, and we are lucky to have a second chance to dance to them in Petaluma on Sunday, December 3!

## New Year's Celebration!

This New Year's holiday brings a weekend of non-stop dancing pleasure! Famous fiddler, Rodney Miller, will spread the joy of dancing into the New Year. Rodney will be joined by local favorites, Chris Knepper on mandolin and Charlie Hancock on piano for a trifecta of talent at all three events! Well loved Jeanne Gorrindo, will join them to expertly call a weekend of fabulous dances. The joyous festivities begin on Saturday, December 30, at our Challenging Contra dance in Santa Rosa. Sunday is a New Year's Eve celebration in Petaluma. We will have a festive feast & a sparkling cider toast to joyfully ring in the New Year with fabulous music and dancing. Festive attire will be admired but not required. From 4-7 on New Year's Day in Petaluma we will celebrate our annual free dance to all newcomers and 2018 NBCDS members. You can join or renew at the dance. This weekend of fantastic music and dancing is a great way to kick off everyone's New Year's resolutions! See reverse or online for details.

## The Antidote to Hate

From our East Bay dancing friend, Lynn Ungar: "Lately it's been feeling a bit odd to be enjoying myself dancing while so much horror is loose in the world. Except not. I think that it matters that we not only condemn hate, but that we also practice its opposite. I'm sure that there are many opposites to a white nationalist/neo-Nazi rally, but one of them is a big room full of people who have come together to literally welcome one another with open arms, to look one another in the eye and smile. This is not compassion or kindness. It isn't altruistic--we do it for our own joy. And we know that the joy happens when we move together in awareness of one another, but with room for each person's personal flair. Age, race, size, ethnicity and gender are simply not particularly relevant. Whether you know someone, or even whether you like them, is less relevant than you might think. What matters is that we know our joy exists in the welcoming one another, over and over again, as we play games with gravity up and down the line."

Thank you, Lynn, beautifully said.

## NBCDS Membership Opens

November launches the 2018 membership drive. The Board has agreed that NBCDS membership prices will stay the same at \$20 for regular, \$36 supporting & \$45 for a family. Support NBCDS, get a dance discount & stay connected.

## Local Gender Free Dance!

NBCDS proudly announces that Sebastopol will get its own gender free dance! January begins a new Contra series at Wischemann Hall. Mark Galipeau brings his energy and exciting new ideas as organizer and programmer to the dance. This a gender free dance, so the terms "larks" and "ravens" will be used instead of "ladies" and "gents." Mark will also establish a "pay what you can policy" to ensure all folks can afford to dance as often as possible. He's working on other ideas, such as a Community Band & a New Callers Forum to make this dance series a seeding ground for new talent. Come out in January and support this new dance; and experience for yourself the joys of dancing with a truly inclusive community.



*"Dancing with the feet is one thing, but dancing with the Heart is another."*

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# North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Fall 2017

## Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET ~ 1st Sun, 6:30 – 9:30 pm; St John's Episcopal Church, 40 Fifth St, Petaluma; suzieq222q@gmail.com

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; Margaret@nbcds.org

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 ECD ~ 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 707-829-0168, kalia@nbcds.org  
or kwoeltjen@yahoo.com

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.nbcds.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

## October

Sun 1	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	Gary Thomas (piano), David Mostardi (accordion), Anne Goess (violin)
Sun 1	Contra	PET	Jonathan Southard (Santa Barbara)	<b>Steampacket:</b> Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar), Paul Kotapish (mandolin)
Sat 14	Contra	SRAF	Susan Petrick	<b>Switching Protocols:</b> Ruthie Byers (fiddle), Patti Cobb (piano), Christopher Jacoby (mandolin, accordion)
Sun 15	ECD	SEB	Dance cancelled.	Come join us at BACDS Fall Frolick!
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Chris Knepper (mandolin, fiddle), Will Wheeler (guitar)
Sun 29	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Advanced English dance with recorded music

## November

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Debra Tayleur (piano), Roxanne Oliva (accordion), Janette Duncan (violin)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Yoyo Zhou	<b>The Swinging Chickens:</b> Rebecca King (piano), Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Topher Gayle (guitar, mandolin, percussion)
Sat 11	Contra	SRAF	Erik Hoffman	<b>Stringfire!:</b> Shira Kammen (fiddle), Erik Ievins (bass), Patti Cobb (piano),
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Jacque Grennan	John Weed (fiddle), Stuart Mason (guitar)
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Sharon Green	Bill Jensen (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Judy Linsenberg (recorder, whistle)

## December

Sun 3	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 3	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	<b>KGB (Seattle):</b> Julie King (piano), Dave Bartley (guitar, mandolin), Claude Ginsburg (fiddle, concertina) <b>Special Dance Prices ~ \$14/12/7</b>
Sat 9	Contra	SRAF	Kalia Kliban	John Croizat (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano), Topher Gayle (various string instruments, percussion)
Fri 15	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	<b>Stringfire:</b> Caroline McCaskey (fiddle), Patti Cobb (piano), Erik Ievins (bass, cello) <b>Holiday Gala ~ Dessert Potluck ~ 8:00—11:30 pm</b>
Sun 17	ECD	SEB	Lise Dyckmann	<b>The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band:</b> Patti Cobb (piano), Heather MacKay (violin), Betsy St. Aubin (flute), Bruce Herbold (percussion), David Newitt (concertina)
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Jean Gorrindo	Rodney Miller (WA) (fiddle), Chris Knepper (mandolin), Charlie Hancock (piano) <b>Challenging Contra - Not for Beginners</b>
Sun 31	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Advanced English dance with recorded music
Sun 31	Contra	PET	Jean Gorrindo	Rodney Miller (WA) (fiddle), Chris Knepper (mandolin), Charlie Hancock (piano) <b>New Year's Eve Party ~ 8:00 to midnight ~ Scrumptious Feast ~ \$20 non-members/18 members/10 students, hardship</b>

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