

North Bay Country Dance Society

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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Free Dance for NBCDS Members!

As a gift to our devoted members and new dancers, NBCDS will have a free dance on New Years' Day! Dancers will be treated to stellar music by Jeffrey Spero on piano, Ashley Broder on mandolin & Ben Shreiber on fiddle. Our caller, Susan Pleck, will provide some fun dances to match with the great music. The dance will be on Friday, January 1, at Santa Rosa's Monroe Hall, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm; a newcomers lesson will be at 6:00. Everyone is invited, but NBCDS 2016 members and brand new dancers get in free. If you have not joined yet, come to the dance and join—then dance for free! This great line up of talent will provide us with a 3 day dancing extravaganza! They'll start at our fabulous New Year's Eve dance at Mill Valley's Strawberry Hall, followed by our New Year's Day dance, and on Sat., January 2, you can enjoy them again in San Francisco.

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Don't miss the special San Rafael dance in March. Spring Fever Weekend brings out the exciting new band Triple A+. What happens when you mix together most of the Great Bear Trio and the Free Raisins? Awesome dance music! Audrey Knuth on fiddle and Amy Englesberg playing piano and accordion are both from the popular East Coast band, the Free Raisins. They are joined by Andrew VanNorstrand on guitar and Noah VanNorstrand on percussion, the brothers from the sought after dance camp band, Great Bear Trio. We're excited to have the chance to dance to these young talented musicians! This special dance will be on Thursday, March 3 from 7:30-10:30. Check the calendar on www.nbcds.org for the location of this dance.

EPICENTER URBAN DANCE WEEKEND APRIL 1-3, 2016



NOW is the time to sign up for NBCDS' huge Contra dance party weekend in Mill Valley. Check out this lineup:

ELIXIR NILS FREDLAND
JIGJAZZ LISA GREENLEAF

Elixir has been thrilling dancers from Coast to Coast with traditional & original music. Owen Morrison, Ethan Hazzard-Watkins, Anna Patton, Jesse Readlynn, and Nils Fredland blend driving fiddle, groovy rhythms, swiny clarinet, and exciting horns into musical bliss for dancing ecstasy. **JigJazz** combines **Rodney Miller** on fiddle, **Jeremiah McLane** on accordion & keyboard, **David Surette** on guitar & mandolin and **Mark "Pokey" Hellenberg** on percussion — four of the best musicians in the history of Contra dancing! Much loved & legendary callers **Lisa Greenleaf** and **Nils Fredland** need no introduction. It might be dangerous with so much great talent on a known Fault zone—be at the Epicenter! Don't procrastinate! Registration opened in November and we're almost full. For more info and to print out a registration form go to <http://www.nbcds.org/epicenter/index.html>.

Year of the Song

CDSS has named 2016 Year of the Song. NBCDS will be buying copies of *Rise Up Singing* and the new *Rise Again* songbooks for use at NBCDS get-togethers. They will be the easy-to-share large print versions. If you want to plan community singing or just borrow the songbooks, contact our Outreach Coordinator, Elaine Walter, at ewalter_live@live.com.



Rise Up Singing has words, chords and sources to 1200 songs designed for group singing anywhere, anytime! Includes illustrations and an introduction by Pete Seeger.

End Notes

Every time I dance
I turn into a better
version of me.

2016 NBCDS Board Members

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Winter 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
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.nbcbs.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

January

Fri 1	Contra SRO	Susan Pleck	Jeff Spero (L.A.) (keyboard), Ashley Broder (L.A.) (mandolin), Ben Schreiber (fiddle) Special Dance ~ 6:30—9:30 pm FREE DANCE FOR 2016 NBCDS MEMBERS!
Sun 3	ECD SEB	David Newitt	The Humus
Sun 3	Contra PET	Lynn Ackerson	Swing Farm: Charlie Hancock (piano), Ray Bierl (fiddle), Markie Sanders (bass)
Sat 9	Contra SRF	Andy Shore	wiNgNuts: Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Isele Harper (flute), Will Wheeler (guitar, feet) Check the calendar on www.nbcbs.org for location.
Fri 15	Contra SRO	Kalia Kliban	Caffeinators: Jon Berger (fiddle), Noel Cragg (keyboard), Tony Blake (percussion)
Sun 17	ECD SEB	Kalia Kliban	Laurie Reaume (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Sat 23	Contra SEB	Lea Smith	TBD
Sat 30	Contra SRO	Chuck Galt	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar) CHALLENGING CONTRA—NOT FOR BEGINNERS

February

Sun 7	ECD SEB	Alan Winston	Rebecca King (piano), Tom Lindemuth (winds), Anne Goess (violin)
Sun 7	Contra PET	Alan Winston	Luceo: Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano), Karl Franzen (guitar)
Sat 13	Contra SRF	Yoyo Zhou	Blaine Sprouse (fiddle), Ray Bierl (guitar) Check the calendar on www.nbcbs.org for location.
Fri 19	Contra SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Switching Protocols: Christopher Jacoby (accordion, mandolin), John-Michael Seng-Wheeler (piano), Ruthie Byers (fiddle)
Sun 21	ECD SEB	Gary Thomas	Laurie Reaume (piano), Christopher Jacoby (mandolin, accordion), Clara Stefanov-Wagner (violin)
Sat 27	Contra SEB	TBD	Three Fifths of Scotch: Debra Tayleur (piano), Eloise Pelmuder (fiddle), Ian Devoran (flute, whistle), Del Eckels (percussion)

March

Thu 3	Contra SRF	Susan Petrick	Triple A+: Audrey Knuth (MA)(fiddle), Amy Englesberg (WA) (accordion), Andrew VanNorstrand (NY) (guitar), Noah VanNorstrand (NY) (percussion) 7:30—10:30, special prices. Check www.nbcbs.org for location.
Sun 6	ECD SEB	Sharon Green	Debra Tayleur (piano), Janette Duncan (violin)
Sun 6	Contra PET	Robin Steen	Tripleplay: Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Fri 18	Contra SRO	Erik Hoffman	StringFire: James MacQueen (fiddle), Patti Cobb (piano), Erik Ievins (bass)
Sat 19	Contra SEB	Kalia Kliban	TBD
Sun 20	ECD SEB	Nikki Herbst	Jews of Barley: Shira Kammen (piano), Michelle Levy (violin), Jon Berger (violin)

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!