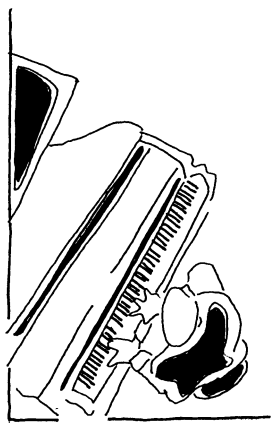
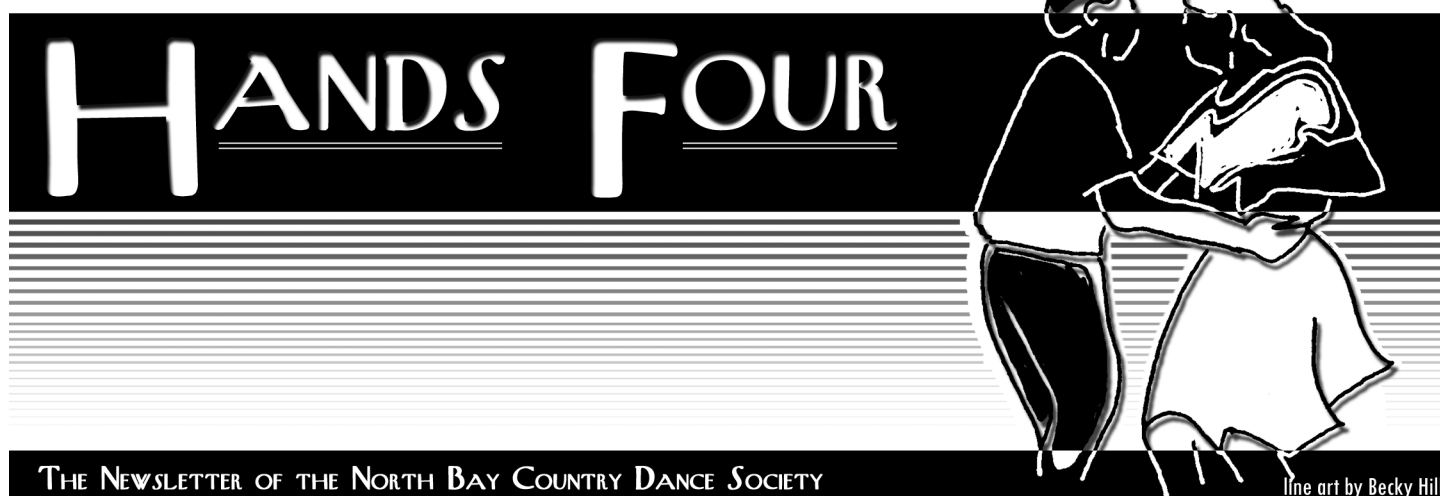


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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The 2007 Mad Robin Ball

On June 9th, Hermann Sons Hall in Petaluma will be filled with enthusiastic English Country dancers in festive attire. The Mad Robin Ball, a North Bay tradition, is proudly sponsored by NBCDS.

The MC this year will be Sharon Green. She is well-loved and praised for her skill, beautiful style and friendly personality. Sharon is a master at leading dances with grace and pleasure. Music for the Ball will be offered by Chuck Ward, Jim Oakden and Marnon Laibow-Koser. All three are well-known and highly regarded in English Country Dance circles.

The 2007 Mad Robin Ball will be the jewel in a weekend of dancing. There will be a welcome dance in Berkeley on Friday night, an afternoon ball review workshop before the Ball, a workshop in Sebastopol on Sunday morning and a Sunday afternoon dance at Wischemann Hall. Immerse yourself in the ambience, the music and the dance. Full details are available at www.madrobin.org. Flyers are out and will be available at NBCDS dances.

2007 Faultline Frolic

is even more fabulous -- sign up now! This year *Notorious* is four of the best musicians in the business: Eden Mac-Adam-Somer on fiddle, Larry Unger on guitar and banjo, Sam Bartlett on mandolin and stunts, and the incomparable Mark Hellenberg on percussion and banjo uke. Cis Hinkle, one of the most skillful yet light-handed callers in the nation, joins us from Atlanta for our urban contra weekend from 15-17 June at Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa. Registration forms at all dance locations and on the NBCDS website. We expect a sell-out -- don't be left on the sidelines!

The help wanted: We need you to house out-of-town dancers and talent. If you can host, be sure to let registrar Robert Weeks know -- there's a spot on your registration form to note whether you need or can provide housing. Jeanne Bowman and Michael Martin can use help with food -- our tamale dinner Saturday and pancake breakfast Sunday will enlist many hands to make light work. Whether washing and tossing lettuce from Michael's garden, flipping pancakes, or getting Jeanne's abundant snacks out to hungry dancers, pitching in will make Faultline Frolic the best kind of North Bay dance fest! More at www.nbcds.org.

End Notes

* After years of confining their music-making to New England and becoming one of the hottest signature bands of Northeast contra, the word is out and the *Moving Violations* are hitting the road. Dance to their intoxicating brew of twin fiddles, piano/accordion, a spectrum of strings, and percussion in San Rafael on Sunday, 8 April, from 7:30-10:30 pm. Caller Linda Leslie of Boston joins these Guiding Star Grange regulars, and you can expect Scandinavian, Balkan, Klezmer and classical strands interwoven with your Anglo-Celtic bedrock.

* Have friends who are reluctant to try contra dance or English Country dance because they don't know what to expect? Have them check-out contra or ECD videos on YouTube. Lots of short videos of great dancing to whet their appetites and stimulate their imaginations!

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North Bay Country Dance Society (NBCDS) — All Are Welcome!

North Bay Dance Calendar: Spring 2007

English Country Dances (ECD) are 2:00–4:30 pm; admission is \$10 adults, \$8 members, \$3 children.

NBCDS contra dances are 8–11 pm except as noted, with a 7:30 lesson for newcomers.

Regular admission: \$10 adults, \$8 members, \$3 children ages 6–17, under 6 free, FT students with ID \$5.

* dances below are not sponsored by NBCDS

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Key to Hall Locations and Contacts (all 707 except as noted)

ATM: Weekly Apple Tree Morris: 829-3478, kalia@sbcglobal.net
 PET: 1st Fri Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave., Petaluma, 765-1468, cpgalt@sbcglobal.net
 SEB: 1st & 3rd Sun ECD 2–4:30 pm, Wischemann Hall, 460 Eddie Lane, Sebastopol, jberger@sbcglobal.net, \$10/\$8
 SEB: 4th Sat Wischemann Hall, 829-6666, elizd@nbcds.org
 SRF: 2nd Sat Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael, 415-302-9503, andy@nbcds.org
 SRO: 3rd Fri, 5th Sat Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa, (707) 566-9684, robweeks@sonic.net
 NVL: 1st Sat Napa Valley Contra Dance (previously Calistoga Dance), Tucker Farm Center, 1201 Tucker Rd. at Hwy 29
 just north of Bothe State Park entrance: Celia Ramsay, 707-963-5667, \$10
 UKI: 2nd Sat Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 North Pine, Social Hall, back entrance, Elizabeth Mahon, 459-0430, \$7



April

Sun 1	English	SEB	Colin Hume (UK)	Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Dan Reynolds (double bass)
Fri 6	Contra	PET	Chuck Galt	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar)
Sat 7	Contra	NVL*	Ken Olcott	Road Oilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pedersen (banjo), Perry Fly (guitar), Chuck Wiley (bass)
Sun 8	Contra	SRF	Linda Leslie (MA)	Moving Violations (MA): Van Kaynor (fiddle), Ron Grosslein (fiddle, mandolin), Becky Ashenden (piano, accordion, feet), Chuck Corman (bass, guitar, percussion) 7:30 - 10:30 pm; \$10 members, \$12 regular
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Dance Cancelled	Special SRF dance Sunday, April 8
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	Mavis McGaugh	Laura Smith (fiddle), Bob Laughton (guitar, banjo), Darin Smith (guitar, fiddle, cello)
Sun 15	English	SEB	Sam Weiler	Jon Berger (violin), Chuck Ward (piano), Donna Denevan (flute)
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Andy Wilson	The Corkers: Judy Stavely (fiddle), Karen Warrick (mandolin), Dan Warrick (guitar)
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Kirston Koths	Laura Smith (fiddle), Bob Laughton (tenor banjo, mandolin, guitar)

May

Tue 1	ATM			Celebrate May Morning at sunrise with Apple Tree Morris! Details at local dances.
Fri 4	Contra	PET	Karen Fontana	Fiddlerats: Caroline McCaskey (fiddle), Cole Ingraham (flute, djembe), Terrell Liedstrand (guitar, mandolin)
Sat 5	Contra	NVL*	Karen Fontana	The Crabapples: Marta Lynch (fiddle), Norm Cotton (piano, fiddle), Sarah Springer (bass, feet), Bob Silberstein (mandolin, piano, percussion)
Sun 6	English	SEB	Sharon Green	Chuck Ward (piano), Janette Duncan (violin), Michael Siemon (English concertina)
Sat 12	Contra	SRF	Susan Petrick	Chris Knepper (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano)
Sat 12	Contra	UKI*	Tom Lehmann	Wild Rose: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Duncan Makintosh (fiddle), Gary Thomas (piano), Carleen Duncan (bodhran), Ron Wallace (recorder)
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	Alan Snyder (fiddle), Erik Hoffman (guitar, fiddle, percussion), David Hansen (guitar, mandolin)
Sun 20	English	SEB	Gary Thomas	Debra Tayleur (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Riggy Rackin (English concertina)
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Elizabeth Douglas	Daniel Kahane (fiddle), Jerry Allen (guitar), and friend

June

Fri 1	Contra	PET	Lynn Ackerson	Darling Angell Band: Rudy Darling (fiddle), Barry Angell (mandolin and banjo), Thomas Angell (guitar) Special Location! - Petaluma Vets Memorial Hall, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, PET
Sat 2	Contra	NVL*	Celia Ramsey	Debra Tayleur (piano), Jonathan Goodwin (fiddle)
Sun 3	English	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Midnight Smorgasbord: Noel Cragg (piano), Erin Vang (bass), Jon Berger (violin)
Sat 9	Mad Robin Ball		Sharon Green	Chuck Ward (piano), Jim Oakden (winds, strings), Marnen Laibow-Koser (piano, organ, violin, viola, flute, and recorder) Mad Robin Ball at Hermann Sons Hall! See www.madrobin.org for weekend details
Sat 9	Contra	SRF	Charlie Fenton	The Opportunists: Alan Snyder (fiddle, piano), Erik Hoffman (guitar, fiddle, percussion), Tophier Gayle (guitar, mandolin, mandola, acoustic bass, banjo, percussion)
Sat 9	Contra	UKI*	Karen Fontana	The Skelton Crew: Andi Skelton (fiddle), Ron Skelton (guitar)
Fri - Sun 15 - 17	Contra	SRO	Cis Hinkle (GA)	Notorius (MA): Larry Unger (guitar), Eden MacAdam-Somer (fiddle), Sam Bartlett (mandolin), Mark Hellenberg (percussion) Faultline Frolic! Contra Weekend - registration form at www.nbcds.org
Sun 17	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Laurie Reaume (piano), Heidi Harrison (violin), Jon Berger (violin)
Sat 23	Contra	SEB	Mavis McGaugh	Road Oilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pedersen (banjo, fiddle), Perry Fly (guitar, bass), Chuck Wiley (bass)
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	Flower & McLaren: Robin Flower (fiddle, guitar), Libby McLaren (piano, accordion, vocals)

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! New dancers are encouraged to come early for an orientation, and for simpler dances early in the evening. Parents Please Note: All Non-Dancing Children Must Be Supervised.