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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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Rare Dancing Opportunity!

We are pleased to host **Pete's Posse** at a special **Thursday night Petaluma** contra dance. It's an all too rare opportunity to dance on the Left Coast to one of the most notable stay-at-home fiddlers of Vermont. Pete Sutherland, whose original music has punctuated both Car Talk and Hearts of Space, is best known out our way for his work with the Clayfoot Strutters and his thoroughly high mileage CDs like A Clayfoot's Tale. (Bet you can't stop playing "Out to Breakfast" in your mind after hearing it!) In New England, he's a revered record producer and artist in residence in schools. His all-Vermont "Posse" includes the dynamic accompanist Tristan Henderson and fellow Clayfoot Strutter, Oliver Scanlon. Our caller will be Mary Wesley, a Vermont-based dance leader, caller, and organizer. Get it up on the calendar now—**Thursday, October 23**. Until then it wouldn't be a bad idea to plan on picking up a delightful CD or two to tide you over.

Holiday Galas!

Don't miss some truly special holiday celebrations to dance in this festive season at Santa Rosa's Monroe Hall. The December **Holiday Gala** features NBCDS favorites, the **Crabapples** & caller **Lynn Ackerson**. The dessert potluck is a yearly tradition that is the biggest, most tempting feast around! **New Year's Eve** will ring in 2015 with some amazing talent from Los Angeles, **Bonfire** & caller **Susan Michaels**. Bonfire is known for their high energy and innovative approach to traditional music. Susan Michaels guides dancers in interesting and enjoyable dances with wit and charm. Great music & calling, fantastic dancing, and a smorgasbord of delicious treats & sparkling cider ring in a fabulous new year!

Dance & Beach Party Weekend

Don't miss our informal mini moving dance weekend, **Friday & Saturday, Oct 17 & 18, in Santa Rosa & San Rafael**. Our talent at both dances will be **Ben Schreiber** (Uncle Farmer) on fiddle, and **Paul Machlis** (formerly of Moving Cloud Orchestra) on piano, with caller, **Yoyo Zhou**. Friday night is the regular dance at Monroe; Saturday afternoon from 3—6 is a special dance at the Unitarian Church in San Rafael. Everyone is invited to a beach party on Saturday morning from 10-1 at Salmon Creek Beach, north of Bodega Bay. Bring instruments, kites, frisbees, whatever - and something for the potluck brunch picnic. The beach is beautiful, usually warm in October. More details by email, website & NBCDS Facebook page (where you can arrange housing for Friday & car-pooling). Great music & calling, fun dancing & socializing in nature with your favorite dance pals. We'll go from San Rafael to the San Francisco dance Sat night (bacds.org for details)!

Dance Managers' Training

A **dance managers' training** will precede the Sunday, November 16th dance at Strawberry Hall at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for the less seasoned managers to sort out the missing pieces involved in managing our dances, and for anyone thinking about volunteering as a dance manager to see what is entailed in the process. Pizza and salad will be served. Email Susan Amato at susan@nbcds.org if interested. We are a volunteer driven non-profit organization. Our dance managers make it all happen!

Special Dances!

This quarter has so many special dances, there are too many to list in great detail. Check the calendar carefully to keep up with the fantastic talent touring our area; and the special dates and times for our dances. The West Coast's Celtic supergroup, the **Syncopaths**, will keep us grooving to their slinky melodic music on Sunday, November 16 at Strawberry Hall in Mill Valley. The dynamic **Great Bear Duo** & popular caller, **George Marshall** guarantee a great night of dancing at Strawberry Hall on Nov 20 & Santa Rosa on Nov 21. Legendary fiddler, **Rodney Miller** plays at Marin dances on Sat, Oct 11 & Thurs, Dec 4, and in Petaluma on Sun, Dec 7. See you on the dance floor!!!

End Notes

Dance, when you're broken open. Dance, if you've torn the bandage off. Dance in the middle of the fighting. Dance in your blood. Dance when you're perfectly free. ~ Rumi

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Fall 2014

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET 1st Sun Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcbs.org
 SRF 2nd Sat Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; skamato@hotmail.com
 Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley
 Or alternate site: Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael
 SRO 3rd Fri, 5th Sat Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com
 SEB Contra 4th Sat Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; andy@nbcbs.org
 SEB ECD 1st & 3rd Sun Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 2:00 - 4:30 pm; 707-829-0168 or kalia@nbcbs.org
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Regular NBCDS dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$7 adults under 26, FT students with ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free. Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

Apple Tree Morris dancers meet weekly and welcome new members - no experience necessary. Call or email Cliff Stevens, 823-6925, cliff@kichu.com

October

Sun 5	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	StringFire: Erik Ievins (cello), Patti Cobb (piano), Annie Rodier (violin)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Kelsey Hartman	StringFire: Erik Ievins (bass), Annie Rodier (fiddle), Patti Cobb (piano)
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Susan Pleck	Rodney Miller (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (keyboard) Strawberry Hall, \$12/7
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Yoyo Zhou	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Paul Machlis (piano)
Sat 18	Contra	SRF	Yoyo Zhou	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Paul Machlis (piano) Special Dance: 3-6 pm, Unitarian Church
Sun 19	ECD	SEB	Gary Thomas	Jon Berger (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Thu 23	Contra	PET	Mary Wesley (VT)	Pete's Posse (VT): Pete Sutherland (fiddle, banjo), Oliver Scanlon (fiddle, mandolin), Tristan Henderson (guitar, percussion) Special dance: 7:30-10:30 pm; \$12/\$7
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	Roadoilers: Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pederson (banjo), Perry Fly (guitar, bass) Pre-danceWorkshop: Intermediate Waltz with Andy Westbom, 6:30– 7:20

November

Sun 2	ECD	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Bill Jensen (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Maggie Moore (violin)
Sun 2	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sun 16	ECD	SEB	Scott Higgs	Jon Berger (violin), Rebecca King (piano), Clara Stepanov-Wagner ()
Sun 16	Contra	SRF	Susan Michaels (So. CA)	Syncopaths (So. CA): Ryan McKasson (fiddle) (WA), Ashley Broder (mandolin), Jeff Spero (keyboard), Christa Burch (percussion) Special Dance: 7:30-10:30, Strawberry Hall, special price \$12/7
Thu 20	Contra	SRF	George Marshall (MA)	Great Bear Duo (NY): Noah VanNorstrand (fiddle, mandolin), Andrew VanNorstrand (fiddle, electric guitar) Special Dance: 7:30-10:30, Strawberry Hall, special price \$12/7
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	George Marshall (MA)	Great Bear Duo (NY): Andrew VanNorstrand (fiddle), Noah VanNorstrand (guitar) Special Dance: \$12/7
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	Dance Cancelled	
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Charlie Fenton	Chris Knepper (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (keyboard) CHALLENGING CONTRA—NOT FOR BEGINNERS

December

Thu 4	Contra	SRF	Frannie Marr (So. CA)	Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Burke Treischmann (guitar, banjo, harmonica), Chris Knepper (mandolin) Special Dance: 7:30-10:30, Unitarian Church, \$12/7
Sun 7	ECD	SEB	Alisa Dodson	Jon Berger (violin), Janette Duncan (violin), Debra Tayleur (piano)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Frannie Marr	Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), David Cahn (WA) (bass), Charlie Hancock (piano) Special Dance: \$12/\$7
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Lynn Ackerson	The Crabapples: Marta Lynch (fiddle), Norm Cotton (piano), Teresa Fife (bass) Bob Silberstein (mandolin, piano) Holiday Gala - Dessert Potluck ~ 8:00-11:30
Sun 21	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band: Heather MacKay (violin), David Newitt (concertina & violin), Patti Cobb (piano), Bruce Herbold (percussion)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Dance Cancelled due to Christmas Holiday ~ Happy Holidays!	
Wed 31	Contra	SRO	Susan Michaels (So. CA)	Bonfire (So. CA): Bonnie Insull (flute, whistle, foot), Frank Hoppe (fiddle), Richard Scher (keyboard, percussion), Victor Garza (bass) NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE \$20/ \$8 STUDENTS

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!