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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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The Volunteer Plunge

Ponce de Leon sacrificed his life in the search for a fountain of youth. Too bad he did not take up contra dancing instead. Those of us who have been dancing for decades can attest to the physical benefits of this dance form and the psychological benefits of dancing in community.

You need not make big sacrifices to help keep our community fountain of youth going. We are looking for volunteers for a number of very *easy* and *fun* jobs. You can even shadow people already doing the jobs. Specifically we need **refreshment hosts/hostesses** for Santa Rosa, Sebastopol and San Rafael. This involves getting to the dance early enough to set up a refreshment table, etc. It does not mean you have to bring all the refreshments, you just have to make sure we are cleaned up and organized before and after the dance. Linda Howard is doing a great job in Petaluma, but each dance is different partly because each kitchen is different.

We would also love to have **greeters** for new dancers in Sebastopol, Santa Rosa, and Petaluma. Of course, we are all responsible for welcoming new dancers to our community but we have to acknowledge that Dawn Stranne is making a huge difference as our official greeter at our Marin County dances. We would love to also have official greeters at Petaluma, Sebastopol and Santa Rosa. **Greeters** arrive early and talk to new dancers before the lesson about our community, dance schedules, etc. They also reconnect with new dancers at the break and make sure they meet people, get their free passes, and leave us their e-mail. There are other equally fun volunteer tasks. Contact Elaine at ewalter@live.com or Lenore at lenore@nbcds.org if you want to take the volunteer plunge into our fountain of contra dance youth.

Sizzling Summer Dancing!

This summer has many special dance opportunities to help make this time of year even more special.

Don't miss **Sunday, July 6** in Mill Valley's **Strawberry Hall**, featuring the **Stringrays** and **Lisa Greenleaf**! The music of the **Stringrays** spans the playful and the sublime, the raucous and the tender, the funky and the old-school; and Lisa's expert calling will complete this night of blissful dancing.

We will be lucky to dance to the musical magic of the **Latter Day Lizards** and **Lynn Ackerson** on **Thursday, August 7** at **Strawberry Hall**! This New England based dance band is a quartet of musicians fervent with the desire and talent to ignite flames under dancing feet. Lynn's calling will fan the dance flames with her selection of fun and interesting dances.

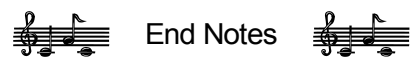
Saturday, August 23 in **Sebastopol** brings us the dynamic duo of **Larry Unger** and **Audrey Knuth**! Larry is the guitar player from the beloved band **Notorious**, and Audrey is the fiddler from the popular new band, **The Free Raisins**. Come dance to a special night of music and dance, and bring a dish to share at the pre-dance potluck! Check the schedule for all of the **Sebastopol dances** for pre-dance activities—whether it be workshops, singing, or potlucks—there's always something special happening!

The **San Rafael Contra** is still homeless, as the renovation at Lootens Hall continues. This quarter's scheduling has been particularly difficult due to hall conflicts and special travelling bands. Read the calendar carefully to be aware of time/location changes.

Join Us!

We are coming up on your last chance to become a member of NBCDS for 2014. Please help support the organization that creates these great dance events by becoming a member! Members receive a \$2 discount to most NBCDS and BACDS dances, a nifty NBCDS name badge, and the annual membership directory. Membership for the second half of the year (after July 1) is only \$10, which more than pays for itself if you go to only one dance a month!

To become a NBCDS member, print out our online membership form or pick one up at any of our dances. Mail your check and completed form to our address listed on our website or bring it to any dance. Email emily@nbcds.org or go to www.nbcds.org/membership.html for more information.



Everything in the universe has a rhythm, everything dances.

~ Maya Angelou

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Summer 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@nbcds.org
 SRF 2nd Sat Multiple sites: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin, 240 Channing Way, San Rafael **or** Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley **or** Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; skamato@hotmail.com
 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@nbcds.org
 SEB ECD 1st & 3rd Sun Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 2:00 - 4:30 pm; 707-829-0168 or kalia@nbcds.org or kwoeltjen@yahoo.com

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

July

Sun 6	ECD	SEB	Lise Dyckmann	Jon Berger (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano)
Sun 6	Contra	SRF	Lisa Greenleaf (MA)	Stringrays: Rodney Miller (fiddle) (NH), Max Newman, (guitar) (MA) Special Dance! Strawberry Hall, 7:30-10:30, \$12 member/non, \$7 students
Sun 13	Contra	PET	Mavis McGaugh	Luceo: Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Rebecca King (piano), Karl Franzen (guitar)
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Kristin Seibert (NC)	StringFire: Patti Cobb (keyboard), Erik Ievins (bass), Annie Rodier (fiddle)
Sun 20	ECD	SEB	Alan Winston	The Humuhumunukunukuapua'a and Strathspey Society Band
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Julian & the Upside Sound: Julian McClanahan (fiddle), Brad McClanahan (guitar), Darin Smith (cello), Michael Charnes (cittern) Workshop: Intermediate Waltz Workshop (Andy Westbom), 6:30—7:20

August

Sun 3	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Jon Berger (violin), Debra Tayleur (piano), Dan Reynolds (bass)
Sun 3	Contra	PET	Mike Fynan	Swing Farm: Ray Bierl (fiddle), Markie Sanders (bass), Charlie Hancock (piano)
Thu 7	Contra	SRF	Lynn Ackerson	Latter Day Lizards: Bill Tomzcak, (clarinet, sax, doumbek) (OR), Peter Barnes, (keyboard, flute) (MA) Dave Langford, (fiddle) (MA), Mark Murphy (bass) Special Dance! Strawberry Hall, 7:30-10:30, \$12 members & non, \$7 students
Fri 15	Contra	SRO	Yoyo Zhou	Gus Garelick (fiddle), Don Coffin (guitar) Free Dance! Thank you to Craig Meltzner and Elaine Walter for sponsoring this event. Come help celebrate their wedding anniversary!
Sun 17	ECD	SEB	Brad Foster	TBA
Sat 23	Contra	SEB	Kelsey Hartman	Larry Unger (Boston), Audrey Knuth (Boston) Special Dance! Pre-Dance Potluck Dinner 6:30 - 7:20
Sun 24	ECD	SEB	Gene Murrow	Dave Bartley (mandolin) and Mindy Rosenfeld (flute) Special post-Heydays dance!
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar) CHALLENGING CONTRA—NOT FOR BEGINNERS

September

Sun 7	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	Rebecca King (piano), Clara Stevanov-Wagner (violin)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Celia Ramsay	The Newts: Chris Knepper (fiddle, gadulka), Noel Cragg (piano)
Sun 2	ECD	SEB	Bob Fraley	Hood, Wink & Swagger: Gary Thomas (piano), Steve Wyrick (violin), Ron Wallace (recorder)
Sun 14	Contra	SRF	Kelsey Hartman	Paddy Ryan's Dream: Chris Knepper (fiddle), Charlie Hancock (piano), Christie Hubbard (flute) Unitarian Church Hall, 7:30-10:30 Dance writers dance workshop & potluck ~ 5:30-7. Watch for details!
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Whimsical: Janette Duncan (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Roxanne Oliva (accordion & flute), Beth Christian (cello)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Robin Steen	Santa Barbara Mountain Boys: Erik Hoffman (fiddle, guitar, bagpipes), Dan Engle (guitar, fiddle, mandolin) Workshop: Hambo (Vince Taylor, Emma Charlebois), 6:30 - 7:20

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!