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The Newsletter of the North Bay Country Dance Society

Summer Contra Specials

We Were There! by Celia Ramsay

North Bay contra dancers will benefit from outstanding visiting musicians and callers throughout the summer. Our exceptional programmers (thanks Susan and Reta!) have lined-up *Airdance*, featuring Rodney Miller on fiddle, with Susan Petrick calling, for our Petaluma contra dance Friday, July 6 and *Lift Ticket*, with Bob Isaacs calling, for the San Rafael dance Saturday, July 14. In between, these bands will be thrilling BACDS American Week dancers at Mendocino Woodlands.

In September, Rodney's brother Randy Miller plays on successive nights in Petaluma (9/7) and San Rafael (9/8) with his band *Celticladda*, including our Bay Area keyboarder extraordinaire, Eric Anderson. Calling will be Adina Gordon from North Carolina. Let's show our out-of-town talent we've got some great moves right here in the North Bay!

By the way, many of the "local" musicians and callers who lead our dances every month are nationallyknown talent who perform at venues around the country. We appreciate them making the North Bay a great place to dance throughout the year!

As my daughter and I made the last train connection to Ely to attend the Contra Holiday in Medieval England, our jet lag was making us acutely aware of the irony of traveling so far to participate in a style of dancing readily available at least 5,000 miles closer. But it was such a pleasant holiday, we'd do it again in a heartbeat. Airdance our band for seven straight nights of big-fun dancing. We were treated to a very fine presentation by the Gog Magog Molly dancers, there was an afternoon of English dancing, an organ concert in the cathedral - just for us - and two nights when British locals were invited to participate. By day we punted on the River Cam, visited a Neolithic flint mine, and gamboled trails in the soothing fens countryside, but always we returned to pretty little Ely, famous for its medieval cathedral, to dance the night away. Calvaleigh and I were the only Californians there - probably just a function of some of you not being aware of the event, originally started in 2004. You can visit the website for the details of the holiday: www.contraholiday.net. Maybe we'll see you there next year!

NBCDS does not endorse any particular dance holiday but we encourage you to expand your "dance connections" beyond the North Bay. www.thedancegypsy.com is a great national resource for dancers with wanderlust. Editor

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has been redesigned with many new features, including a wonderful month-bymonth calendar. Check it out! The new website was developed by ad hoc committee members Andy Westbom and Deborah Adams, and designed by Kim Hughes. Thanks to you all! Committee members are looking for contributions to add to the website, including dance photos from our various venues. Contact webmaster@nbcds.org.

* We have some new Board members and officers as of July 1, 2007 (see below), with Deborah Adams leaving the Board and Treasurer position. Will she ever be missed! We can add new Board members anytime. If you're interested in finding out about the Board or general volunteer opportunities, contact info@nbcds.org.

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

North Ray Dance Calendar: Summer 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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July						
Sun 1	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Jon Berger (violin), Riggy Rackin (English concertina), Chuck Ward (piano)		
Fri 6	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	Airdance: Rodney Miller (NH) (fiddle), Elvie Miller (MA) (piano), Marko Packard (MA) (flute, sax and guitar), Mark Hellenberg (OH) (percussion) \$10 members, \$12 general		
Sat 7	Contra	NVL*	Mavis McGaugh	Vista Social Club: Bobbi Nikles (fiddle), Roland Nikles (guitar), Lisa Croen (fiddle), Daren Santos (mandolin, bodhran) - Summer schedule - dance starts at 7:30 p.m.		
Sun 8	ECD	SEB	Andrew Shaw	Susan Worland (violin), Noel Cragg (piano) ADVANCED DANCE		
Sat 14	Contra	SRF	Bob Isaacs (NJ)	Lift Ticket: Rex Blazer (FL) (fiddle), Seth Houston (CO) (guitar, keyboard), Mark Hellenberg (OH) (percussion) \$10 members, \$12 general		
Sat 14	Contra	UKI*	Mavis McGaugh	The Julian Trio: Julian McClanahan (fiddle), Brad McClanahan (guitar), Michael Charnes (guitar, cittern)		
Sun 15	English	SEB	Gary Thomas	Janette Duncan (violin), Chuck Ward (piano), Dan Reynolds (double bass)		
Fri 20	Contra	SRO	Lea Smith	Bandemonium: Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Eric Anderson (keyboard)		
Sat 28	Contra	SEB	Elizabeth Douglas	Alan Snyder (fiddle), Barry Angell (guitar)		
August						
Fri 3	Contra	PET	Ken Olcott	Alan Snyder (fiddle), David Hansen (guitar)		
Sat 4	Contra	NVL*	Eric Black	The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers - Summer schedule - dance starts at 7:30 p.m.		
Sun 5	English	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Janette Duncan (violin), Jon Berger (violin), Debra Tayleur (piano)		
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Woody Lane (OR)	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar), Dan Reynolds (double bass)		
Sat 11	Contra	UKI*	Lea Smith	The Wild Hog Contra Band: Anne Goess (fiddle), Bob Laughton (guitar, banjo), Daniel Schoenfeld (guitar, button accordion)		

Susan PetrickLuceo: Rebecca King (keyboard), Lee Anne Welch (fiddle),
Karl Franzen (guitar, bouzouki, whistle)David HewittThe Humuhumunukunukuapuaa and Sthrathspey Society Band:

The Humuhumunukunukuapuaa and Sthrathspey Society Band: Katharine Carvajal (flute), Patti Cobb (piano), Heather MacKay (fiddle), David Newitt (concertina), Bruce Herbold (percussion)

Sat 25 Contra SEB Lea Smith Jon Berger (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano)

September

Contra

English

SRO

SEB

Fri 17

Sun 19

Sat 1	Contra	NVL*	Celia Ramsay	Star Thistle : Dave Kistler (mandolin, guitar & flutes), Cheryl McKinney (keyboard), Lonna Whipple (fiddle) - Summer schedule - dance starts at 7:30 p.m.
Sun 2	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Midnight Smorgasbord: Jon Berger (violin), Erin Vang (brass), Noel Cragg (piano)
Fri 7	Contra	PET	Adina Gordon (NC)	Celticladda : Randy Miller (NH) (fiddle), Ralph Gordon (NC) (bass), Eric Anderson (piano) \$10 members, \$12 general
Sat 8	Contra	SRF	Adina Gordon (NC)	Celticladda : Randy Miller (NH) (fiddle), Ralph Gordon (NC) (bass), Eric Anderson (piano) \$10 members, \$12 general
Sat 8	Contra	UKI*	Celia Ramsay	Laura Smith (fiddle), Darin Smith (fiddle, cello, guitar), Bob Laughton (guitar, mandolin)
Sun 16	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Maureen Brennan (harp)
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Warren Blier	Chris Knepper (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano)
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	Lynn Ackerson	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar)
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Charlie Fenton	Swing Farm: Charlie Hancock (keyboard), Ray Bierl (fiddle), Steven Strauss (bass)

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.