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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

## New Opportunity to Learn English Country Dance

NBCDS is pleased to announce a new **English Country Dance (ECD)** series starting this spring in San Rafael. If you have never tried ECD, this is a good opportunity to learn a new dance form that will also compliment your contra dance skills. ECD is a close relative of Contra with live music, callers and similar figures. The dances and music tempos are more varied – sometimes elegant, flirty, playful or stately. The dances were popular among English and Colonial gentry from the late Renaissance through Jane Austin's era. Also like contra, there are new tunes and choreography currently being written to keep dancers interested and challenged. **Monthly dances begin on Wednesday March 16, 2011 and run from 7:00–9:30pm.** The dances will be held in the San Rafael Community Center auditorium on B street. Drop-in admission prices are the same as NBCDS dances, although if you are new to ECD you might want to sign up for a four-dance series through the San Rafael Recreation Department. For more information contact Gayle & George Mills at 415-453-4206 or [ggmills@pacbell.net](mailto:ggmills@pacbell.net).

## Dancing Still A Deal

Despite the fact that dance admission prices have not been raised in years, the Board of Directors once again unanimously voted to keep prices the same for 2011. The Board wants to make sure dancing is affordable for everyone despite the poor economy. Regular dance prices for 2011 are: \$8 members; \$10 non-members; \$5 full-time students with ID, young adults 25 and under, and people with low income; \$2 children ages 6 to 16. If you have not joined NBCDS for 2011, now is the time.

## Special Winter Dances

The first quarter of 2011 is full of wonderful dancing surprises. Make sure you study the calendar carefully because some of the days of our regular dances have changed to make room for special dances. These dances are well worth the special dance prices of \$10 members, \$12 non-members and \$7 full-time students with ID.

In January you can dance not once, but twice to one of the most vibrant West Coast bands—**The Syncopaths!** And if you are a real dance fanatic, you will have danced to them on New Years Eve as well and not missed any of their North Bay dances. Fiddler Ryan McKasson, mandolinist Ashley Broder, pianist Jeffrey Spero, and bodhran player/vocalist Christa Burch make up this energetic and inventive quartet. Dancing to their fresh, contemporary Celtic music is a treat that should not be missed.

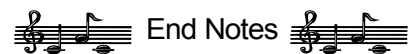
Make sure to mark your calendars—in March we are lucky enough to once again host **The Latter Day Lizards!** They will be fresh on their way to BACDS' Spring Fever camp at Monte Toyon. With Peter Barnes on piano, Bill Tomczak on clarinet or sax or dumbek, and Dave Langford on fiddle, they represent over 60 years of playing for dances. Their music masterfully blends Irish, French Canadian, Ragtime, Rock, Appalachian, and Jazz musical influences to produce energetic contra dance music that will keep your feet joyfully moving.

## Flu Season

It is that time of year—viral bugs, cold and flu germs are everywhere. Please follow these common sense rules: 1. Do not come to dances sick. 2. Wash your hands before dancing and at breaks. 3. Use the hand sanitizers provided at each dance.

## Volunteer Concerns

The Board of Directors recently created a new committee charged with recruiting new volunteers and appreciating our existing volunteers. Our wonderful volunteers are key to our organization, and dances could not happen without their help. To that end, we not only want to put more energy in making our volunteers know we appreciate them, but also to spread the word that volunteering can be fun and is a good way to get to know your fellow dancers better. Susan Amato, Diane Depuydt, Andy Westbom and Arie Niemberger are the current members of this committee. Talk to them if you would like to join this committee or if you would like to volunteer.



Every day I count wasted in which there has been no dancing.

~ Friedrich von Nietzsche

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# North Bay Dance Calendar: Winter 2011

NBCDS DanceLine: (707) 527-9794 email: [info@nbcds.org](mailto:info@nbcds.org) [www.nbcds.org](http://www.nbcds.org)

Regular dance admission: \$10 adults, \$8 members, \$5 Adults under 25 and FT students with ID, \$2 ages 6–17, under 6 free  
Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

English Country Dances (ECD) meet the 1st and 3rd & 5th Sundays, 2–4:30 pm, at Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris St., Sebastopol  
Admission is \$8 NBCDS members, \$10 non-members, and \$3 for children.

Call 707-829-0168 for more information or contact [kalia@nbcds.org](mailto:kalia@nbcds.org) or [kwoeltjen@yahoo.com](mailto:kwoeltjen@yahoo.com).

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts for Contra dances:

PET 1st Sun Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; 707-823-4982, [tom@nbcds.org](mailto:tom@nbcds.org)  
SRF 2nd Sat Marin Masonic Lodge, Lootens Place @ Fourth, San Rafael; 8:00 – 11:00 pm, [andy@nbcds.org](mailto:andy@nbcds.org)  
SRO 3rd Fri, 5th Sat Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-545-1274, [contrabeet43@gmail.com](mailto:contrabeet43@gmail.com)  
SEB 4th Sat Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 8:00 – 11:00 pm; 707-569-0565, [mnfynan@sonic.net](mailto:mnfynan@sonic.net)  
UKI\* 2nd Sat Ukiah Methodist Church, 270 North Pine, 7:00 – 10:30 pm; Ulla Brunberg-Rand, 707-467-0311; \$8 adults, \$6 teens

\* dances are not sponsored by NBCDS

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



## January

Sat 1	Contra	SRF	Joyce Miller	<b>The Syncopaths:</b> Ryan McKassan (WA) (fiddle), Jeff Spero (L. A.) (keyboard), Christa Burch (L. A.) (bodhran), Ashley Broder (L. A.) (mandolin) <b>Please note special prices - \$10/\$12/\$7; special day; normal time 8-11 pm</b>
Sun 2	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Jon Berger (violin), Laurie Reaume (piano), Riggy Rackin (concertina)
Sun 2	Contra	PET	Joyce Miller	<b>The Syncopaths:</b> Ryan McKasson (WA) (fiddle), Jeff Spero (L. A.) (keyboard), Ashley Broder (L. A.) (mandolin), Christa Burch (L. A.) (bodhran) <b>Please note the special prices for this dance - \$10/\$12/\$7</b>
Sat 8	Contra	UKI*	Nick Cuccia	<b>Whimsical:</b> Janette Duncan (fiddle), Regan Hemphill (fiddle), Beth Christian (cello), Sue Pelmulder (guitar)
Sun 16	English	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Debra Tayleur (piano), Marilyn Simpson, Elizabeth Miranda
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Andy Wilson	<b>Flashpoint:</b> Rebecca King (piano), Jon Berger (fiddle), Howard Booster (fiddle)
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	TBA	<b>Road Oilers:</b> Mike Drayton (fiddle), Jon Pederson (banjo, fiddle), Perry Fly (guitar, bass), Chuck Wiley (bass)
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Chuck Galt	<b>The Angell Brothers:</b> Thomas Angell (fiddle), Barry Angell (guitar, banjo, mandolin) <b>CHALLENGING CONTRA DANCE—NOT FOR BEGINNERS</b>
Sun 30	English	SEB	Sharon Green	Rebecca King (piano), Erik Levins (cello), Michelle Levy (violin)

## February

Sun 6	English	SEB	Lise Dyckman	<b>Midnight Smorgasbord:</b> Jon Berger (violin), Erin Vang (brass), Noel Cragg (piano)
Sun 6	Contra	PET	Tina Fields	<b>StringFire:</b> Michelle Levy (fiddle), Patti Cobb (keyboard), Erik Levins (bass)
Sat 12	Contra	SRF	Susan Petrick	<b>The Angell Brothers:</b> Thomas Angell (fiddle), Barry Angell (guitar, banjo, mandolin)
Sat 12	Contra	UKI*	Lynn Ackerson	<b>Julian Trio:</b> Julian McClanahan (fiddle), Brad McClanahan (guitar), Michael Charnes (guitar, cittern), Darin Smith (cello, fiddle, guitar)
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Robin Steen	Ray Bierl (guitar), Markie Sanders (bass), Paul Shelasky (fiddle)
Sun 20	English	SEB	Bob Fraley	Jon Berger (violin), Rebecca King (piano), Becca Richman
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Tina Fields	<b>ContraPtion:</b> Jon Berger (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano), Erin Vang (brass, percussion)

## March

Sun 6	English	SEB	David Newitt	<b>The Humuhumuhumus</b>
Sun 6	Contra	PET	Lynn Ackerson	Cathie Whitesides (WA) (fiddle), Laurie Andres (WA) accordion, Charlie Hancock (piano)
Sat 12	Contra	UKI*	Bob O'Brien	<b>Zekley Family Band:</b> Mickie Zekley (flute, guitar), Elizabeth Zekley (piano, dulcimer), Corwin Zekley (fiddle, mandolin)
Wed 16	English	**	Kalia Kliban	TBA **Non-NBCDS sponsored dance at the San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street
Thu 17	Contra	SRF	Warren Blier	<b>The Latter Day Lizards:</b> Peter Barnes (MA) (keyboard, guitar, flute), Dave Langford (MA) (fiddle), Bill Tomczak (CO) (clarinet, saxophone, dumbek) <b>Please note special prices - \$10/\$12/\$7; special day; special time -7:30-10:30</b>
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Tina Fields	<b>ContraPtion:</b> Jon Berger (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano), Erin Vang (tuba, trumpet, flugelhorn, percussion)
Sun 20	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Chuck Ward (piano), Stan Kramer (violin), Susan Kramer (winds)
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Lea Smith	<b>Contrazz:</b> Ann Gilleran (fiddle), Pat Gilleran (bass), Rob Crummett (guitar)

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. To see what contra dancing is