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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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The Mean Lids!

Hayward's Twelve Hour Twirl is bringing out one of the most popular Contra dance bands in the country. The **Mean Lids** (**Miriam Larson**, flute & jaw harp; **Ben Smith**, fiddle & banjo; **Matt Turino**, guitar, fiddle & feet) are only as mean as they need to be to keep the grit in their tones and the edge on their tunes. They are never seen without their signature cranial apparel. Spot them by their hats, their long lonesome sounds, and the @\$\$ kicking baritone grooves emanating from their mean, mean fiddle fingers. Dancers have raved about them at two of our Epicenter dance camps. Joining them will be caller Lindsey Dono, an exciting young new talent from Washington state. We're lucky to be able to catch them at the regular **November 18th** Santa Rosa dance at Monroe Hall!

No Snow Ball

The December Petaluma dance is cancelled this quarter to give everyone the opportunity to dance at the 30th annual BACDS No Snow Ball. In the spirit of collaboration, NBCDS urges dancers to check out this wonderful evening of dancing. Music by the **Burners**—with Scotty Leach, Audrey Knuth, Ben Schrieber, Chris Knepper and special guest percussionist, Joe Craven. With this much talent the music is sure to be smokin' hot! One of the best callers on the West Coast, Frannie Marr, will expertly lead us in some of the best dances out there. Festive attire and a scrumptious dessert feast are also highlights of this popular holiday party. Come join in the opulent fun on **Sunday, December 4**, 6:00—10:00 pm at the Lake Merritt Dance Center, Oakland. For more information go to www.BACDS.org.

New Website

The NBCDS Board of Directors have approved the renovation of our website: www.nbcds.org. We've hired a website designer, Deborah Gray, to give our website a new facelift and a more user friendly design. We first need to decide what content and layout we would like to have for the new website. If you are interested in helping with the project please email sarah@nbcds.org

'Tis the Season to Be Dancing!

There will be some special events this holiday season to celebrate with our dance community:

* Our **Halloween Contra Party** falls on October 29, the night of the 5th Saturday Challenging Contra. Music by the dynamic duo **Erin Shrader & Richard Mandel**, and calling by the beloved **Susan Petrick**. Start planning your costumes now. Sorry ~ this one's for experienced dancers only.

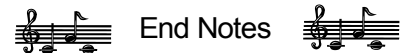
* The ever-popular annual Holiday Dessert Potluck Gala features the music of Monterey's much loved band, the **Crabapples**, and calling by the vivacious **Kelsey Hartman**. Be at Monroe Hall on **Dec. 16** to celebrate!

** New Year's Eve Party! **

What better way to celebrate the New Year than Contra dancing! Saturday, December 31 is the date, Santa Rosa's Monroe Hall is the place. This year we'll dance to some of the best talent in the Bay Area—the **wiNgNuts!** Caller **Warren Blier** will match some great dances to the fabulous music. A delicious feast is included to tickle your taste buds.

A Dance for the Whole Family!

Join us on **October 22** at **Wischemann Hall** in Sebastopol for a Family Dance! Everyone is invited—kids, parents, adults and elders. Energetic live music will lift the spirits of young and old. We will call simple traditional dances (contras, lines and circles) enjoyable for children and their families. The time is 6-7:30, before the regular Sebastopol dance. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for families and individuals alike to come and play together. The experience of dancing together with friends & family is a memory that children—and adults—will carry with them forever. No dancing experience is required. The cost is \$5 for individuals, and \$10 for families of any size. NBCDS members are invited to come for free. Please come and bring your families and/or friends.



"Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are great because of their passion."

— Martha Graham

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North Bay Country Dance Calendar: Fall 2016

Key to Hall Locations and Contacts:

PET ~ 1st Sun, 6:30 – 9:30 pm; Petaluma Woman's Club, 518 B Street, Petaluma; 707-544-7036, craig@nbcbs.org

SRF ~ 2nd Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Marin (Unitarian Church), 240 Channing Way, San Rafael

Or alternate site: Strawberry Reception Hall, 118 E Strawberry Dr, Mill Valley; skamato@hotmail.com

SRO ~ 3rd Fri, 5th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa; 707-545-1274, contrabeet43@gmail.com

SEB Contra ~ 4th Sat, 8:00 – 11:00 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; andy@nbcbs.org

SEB ECD ~ 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:00 - 4:30 pm; Wischemann Hall, 460 Morris Street, Sebastopol; 707-829-0168, kalia@nbcbs.org

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Come a half hour early to every dance for a newcomers lesson.

Regular dance admission: \$12 adults, \$10 members; \$5 adults under 30, FT students w/ ID and financial hardship; \$2 ages 6–17; under 6 free.

Special Dance prices: \$14 non-members (Strawberry Hall \$15); \$12 members; \$7 adults under 30, students & financial hardship

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

Go to <http://www.nbcbs.org/> for more information on North Bay Country Dance Society, membership and events.

October

Sun 2	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Laurie Reaume (piano), Ellen Watson (viola), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 2	Contra	PET	Kelsey Hartman	The wiNgNuts: Chris Knepper (fiddle, mandolin), Will Wheeler (guitar), Isele Hubbard (flute)
Sat 8	Contra	SRF	Kalia Kliban	The Bald Mountain Boys: Charlie Hancock (accordion, piano), Chris Knepper (fiddle), Burke Trieschmann (guitar, banjo, harmonica) Unitarian Universalist
Sun 16	ECD	SEB	David Newitt	Debra Tayleur (piano), Heather McKay (violin), Christopher Jacoby (accordion)
Fri 21	Contra	SRO	Robin Steen	Three Fifths of Scotch: Eloise Blanchard (fiddle), Debra Tayleur (piano), Elizabeth Todd (flute, penny whistle, percussion)
Sat 22	Contra	SEB	Mike Fynan	Soul Weaving: Jonathan Goodwin (fiddle, soprano banjo), Ehlert Lassen (guitar), Stephen Evans (cello) Pre-regular Dance Activity ~ FAMILY DANCE - ALL AGES WELCOME! 6:00-7:30 pm -- \$5 individual/\$10 family; stay for the regular evening contra dance!
Sat 29	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar) CHALLENGING CONTRA—NOT FOR BEGINNERS
Sun 30	ECD	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Special 5th Sunday for advanced dancers with recorded music

November

Sun 6	ECD	SEB	Gary Thomas	Bangers & Mash: Craig Johnson (piano), David Strong (violin), Stan Kramer (violin), Susan Kramer (flute)\
Sun 6	Contra	PET	Susan Petrick	The Swinging Chickens: Rebecca King (piano), Lee Anne Welch (fiddle), Topher Gayle (guitar, mandolin, percussion)
Sat 12	Contra	SRF	Erik Hoffman	Paul Shelasky (fiddle), Ray Bierl (guitar), Markie Sanders (bass) Unitarian Universalist
Fri 18	Contra	SRO	Lindsey Dono (WA)	Mean Lids (IL): Matt Turino (guitar, fiddle), Ben Smith (fiddle), Miriam Larsen (flute, jaw harp) Special Dance ~ Special Prices
Sun 20	ECD	SEB	Gene Murrow	Patti Cobb (piano), Erik Ievins (cello), Maggie Moore (violin)
Sat 26	Contra	SEB	Ric Goldman	TBD

December

Sun 4	ECD	SEB	Alisa Dodson	Bill Jensen (piano), Susan Jensen (flute), Jon Berger (violin)
Sun 4	Contra	PET	Dance Cancelled for the No Snow Ball	
Sat 10	Contra	SRF	Susan Petrick	Ben Schreiber (fiddle), Scotty Leach (NC) (piano, fiddle) Unitarian Universalist ~ holiday celebration ~ details online
Fri 16	Contra	SRO	Kelsey Hartman	The Crabapples: Marta Lynch (fiddle), Norm Cotton (piano), Bob Silberstein (mandolin, piano, doumbek), Teresa Fife (string bass), Holiday Gala ~ Dessert Potluck
Sun 18	ECD	SEB	Bruce Hamilton	Rebecca King (piano), Anne Goess (violin), Tom Lindemuth (whistle)
Sat 24	Contra	SEB	Dance Cancelled ~ Happy Holidays!	
Sat 31	Contra	SRO	Warren Blier	wiNgNuts: Chris Knepper (fiddle), Isele Harper (flute), Will Wheeler (guitar, feet) NEW YEARS EVE! \$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!