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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH BAY COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY line art by Becky Hill

## Apple Tree Morris Workshops

Morris is a festive seasonal dance that dates back hundreds of years to the farming communities of the Cotswold Hills in Southern England. On May 1st, we dance up the sun, as Morris dancers have done for over a hundred years. Then on Summer Solstice we dance farewell to the sun at Schoolhouse Beach. It's boisterous, athletic and colorful, a perfect way to celebrate the change of seasons.

Apple Tree Morris is Sonoma County's own Morris team, founded in 1998 by Bay Area Morris veteran Kalia Kliban. We've performed at a large variety of venues, including the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade, Sebastopol Celtic Festival, the Accordion Festival, Dickens Faire, Renaissance Faire and the Windsor Shakespeare Festival. Apple Tree Morris offers an inexpensive three-week series of workshops each fall, open to anyone interested. You don't need experience, just enthusiasm. Wear comfortable sneakers and clothing you can move in. Be ready for a workout!

Join us for our annual fall workshop series, October 14, 21 and 28th, at 7:15 at the Sebastopol Community Center. For more information, please contact Cliff Stevens at (707) 823-6925 or cliff@kichu.net. You can also find videos of us on YouTube and pictures on our Facebook page.

## Contra College - November 12-14

Attention new and intermediate contra dancers who want to improve their dancing skills: Consider attending a Contra College weekend. This teaching retreat is designed to address the needs of new and intermediate dancers. This intensive learning experience at the Sequoia Retreat Center will teach you how to take your dancing to the next level. For more info, see the table flyer or go online: <http://www.bacds.org/camps/cc2010>

## Holiday Season Dancing Bliss

There are many special dances this quarter that will help you boogie away the post summer blues and celebrate the holiday season:

### Sunday, October 3 with Notorious

The premier contra dance band, Notorious, will play for us in San Rafael after Foggy Moon. Seth Tepfer will be here from Georgia to prove his amazing calling skills. It is a combined Petaluma/San Rafael dance for October. Come dance your heart out to some great music and calling. Special prices: \$10/12/7.

### Halloween Challenging Contra Dance

Our October fifth Saturday Challenging Contra Dance in Santa Rosa will be a Halloween dance. Wear a costume — prizes will be given for the best and most creative. Swing Farm and Karen Fontana are sure to make this dance party festive. Experienced dancers only.

### Contra Sutra — The best of the Northwest!

The November Petaluma dance will feature one of the Northwest's best contra dance bands. Some of the most talented musicians from a few of our favorite bands reconfigured to make this sizzling hot band. Warren Blier will deftly call some of our favorite dances. Special prices (\$10/12/7) for this exciting dance.

### New Year's Weekend Dance Party

Our 2011 New Year's dance celebrations will last all weekend! Join us New Year's Eve in Santa Rosa, New Year's Day in San Rafael, and January 2 in Petaluma. All three dances will feature one of our favorite dance bands: The Syncopaths! This vibrant West Coast band offers a fresh, contemporary take on Celtic music. They will be joined by our favorite Bay Area caller, Joyce Miller. The Santa Rosa New Year's Eve dance will have pre-sale tickets to ensure a place for you in the line. Look for the special mailing/e-mail announcement or go online for further details. Can you think of a better way to start your New Year.

## Dance Managers

Thank you to retiring dance managers Tom Schwartz and Tim Giddings. Our dances exist only by the generosity of volunteers like you. Thank Tom when you see him in the line. We will miss Tim as he takes a break from dancing to recuperate from an injury. Dance managers are needed at our San Rafael, Petaluma and Santa Rosa dances. We have at least one manager at each location, but we need co-managers to lessen the work and provide continuous coverage. Volunteering is fun and you meet new people. Talk to a Board member if you would like to get more involved with our dance community.

### "Spring Fling"

BACDS' family-friendly multi-tradition dance & music weekend will be held March 19-21 <http://www.bacds.org/camps/> for more info.



We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance. ~Japanese Proverb

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# North Bay Dance Calendar: Fall 2010

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 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; 415-302-9503, [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 Brunnberg-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)



## October

Sun 3	English	SEB	Mary Luckhardt	Chuck Ward (piano), Stan Kramer (violin), Susan Kramer (winds)
Sun 3	Contra	SRF	Seth Tepfer (GA)	<b>Notorious:</b> Eden MacAdam-Somer (MA) (fiddle), Larry Unger (MA) (guitar, banjo), Sam Bartlett (IN) (mandolin), Mark Hellenberg (OH) percussion <b>Special combined San Rafael/Petaluma dance - Petaluma date in San Rafael 7:30—10:30 p.m • Beginners lesson at 7:00 p.m • \$10 Members, \$12 General</b>
Sat 9	Contra	UKI*	Eric Black	<b>The Julian Trio:</b> Julian McClanahan (fiddle), Brad McClanahan (guitar), Michael Charnes (guitar, cittern), Darin Smith (guitar, fiddle, cello)
Fri 15	Contra	SRO	TBA	Howard Booster (fiddle), Alan Snyder (piano)
Sun 17	English	SEB	Ric Goldman	Debra Tayleur (piano), Marilyn Simpson (violin)
Sat 23	Contra	SEB	Celia Ramsay	<b>ContraPtion:</b> Jon Berger (fiddle), Noel Cragg (piano), Erin Vang (tuba, trumpet, flugelhorn, and percussion)
Sat 30	Contra	SRO	Karen Fontana	<b>Swing Farm:</b> Ray Bierl (fiddle), Charlie Handcock (piano), Markie Sanders (bass) <b>CHALLENGING CONTRA DANCE — NOT FOR BEGINNERS</b> <b>Halloween Dance • Prizes for best costumes</b>
Sun 31	English	SEB	Alan Winston	Rebecca King (piano), Erik Levins (cello), Michelle Levy (violin)

## November

Sun 7	English	SEB	Gary Thomas	Laurie Reaume (piano), Ron Wallace (recorder), Janette Duncan (fiddle)
Sun 7	Contra	PET	Warren Blier	<b>Contra Sutra:</b> Ryan McKasson (fiddle, viola), Dave Bartley (guitar, mandolin), Russell Shumsky (percussion), Marni Rachmiel (flute, sax) <b>Special Dance • \$10 Members • \$12 General • \$7 Students &amp; Young Adults</b>
Sat 13	Contra	SRF	Andy Wilson	<b>The Crabapples:</b> Marta Lynch (fiddle), Norm Cotton (piano, fiddle), Teresa Fife (bass), Bob Silberstein (mandolin, piano, doumbek)
Sat 13	Contra	UKI*	Greg McKenzie	<b>The Dogwood Creek String Band:</b> Julia Landis (guitar), Cliff Landis (fiddle, banjo), Ann Maglinte (mandolin, guitar), Steve Smith (guitar), Fran Koliner (bucket bass).
Fri 19	Contra	SRO	TBA	Erik Hoffman (fiddle, guitar), Dan Engle (guitar, fiddle, banjo)
Sun 21	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Noel Cragg (piano), Jon Berger (violin), Sue Draheim (violin), Riggy Rackin (concertina)
Sat 27	Contra	SEB	Tina Fields	Jon Berger (fiddle), Rebecca King (keyboard)

## December

Sun 5	English	SEB	Kalia Kliban	Rebecca King (piano), Beverly Jacobs (flute), Nora Guthrie (violin)
Sun 5	Contra	PET	Dance Cancelled	See you at the No-Snow Ball in Oakland • Check out <a href="http://www.bacds.org">www.bacds.org</a> for details
Sat 11	Contra	SRF	Erik Hoffman	Erin Shrader (fiddle), Richard Mandel (guitar)
Sat 11	Contra	UKI*	Lea Smith	TBA
Fri 17	Contra	SRO	Susan Petrick	Chris Knepper (fiddle), George Grasso (guitar), Conor O'Bryan (flute)
Sun 19	English	SEB	David Newitt	<b>The Humuhumuhumus</b>
Sat 25	Contra	SEB	Dance cancelled	Happy holidays!
Fri 31	Contra	SRO	Joyce Miller	<b>The Syncopaths:</b> Jeff Spero (piano), Ryan McKasson (fiddle), Ashley Broder (mandolin), Christa Burch (bodhran) <b>New Year's Eve dance • 8pm – midnight • \$25 advance/\$30 at the door</b>

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 all about before you attend a dance you can go online to [http://www.contradance.org/html/what\\_is.php](http://www.contradance.org/html/what_is.php) for video lessons.