

The SBCDS (Santa Barbara Country Dance Society), under the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department, proudly offers Contra and English Country dancing on a regular basis to serve the needs of the community.

You are encouraged to contact us with questions, comments, and concerns, by either going to our website www.sbcds.org or talking with a board member.

Mission Statement

The mission and purpose of SBCDS is:

- the preservation, teaching, and study of historical dance and dance music.
- to provide a safe and friendly space for social gathering and dancing.
- to provide music (live or recorded) along with a caller for instruction.
- to promote a sense of community.
- to provide quality recreation and community service to benefit the quality of life for people interested in contra and/or English country dancing.

Code of Conduct

The benefits of contra and English country dancing include enhancing health and social interactions. To insure the quality of the dance community, we ask all participants to abide by this Code of Conduct:

- All persons shall act with respect towards other persons, respect their privacy and personal safety. Respect includes: not forcing a twirl or flourish; not doing an unsafe flourish; respecting a person's personal space; not groping or touching inappropriately; being aware of the social cues of others; speaking appropriately without anger or sexual overtones; not assuming a child wants to be lifted up during a swing.
- Physical or verbal abuse of any kind will not be tolerated.
- All persons shall treat public and private property and equipment with respect.

If you observe anyone violating any of these rules of conduct, please inform a board member as soon as possible. Present board members are: Debbie Ceder, Gary Shapiro, Kelli Butler, Mary Louise Bland, Rob Gardner, Simon Kiefer, Tom Biesanz, and William Noack.

Any person displaying such behaviors will be addressed in the following manner:

- **Minor Violation:** Initial warning; person will be asked to refer to the code of conduct.
- **Repeat Violations:** Person will be talked to about the behavior and told not to attend the next 3 dances.
- **Major Violation or continued violations:** Person will be banned from the local dance.

All violations will be documented and shared with all the board members of SBCDS.