

*Santa Barbara Country Dance Society***Dance Camp Mania**

Summer is coming on, and dance camp season is upon us. There are many fine festivals on the horizon. Some are weekends, some last a week or longer, some focus on dance, some on music, some on both. All are places where people who both play and love traditional music and dance come together and enjoy each other, so make your plans now!

Fourth Annual Sprung Floor Dance Festival

The 4th Annual Sprung Floor Dance Festival returns May 29 and 30. Saturday, May 29, from 2 - 5, there's dancing in the park, and you are the caller or musician! It's an open mike session, so dust off your banjo, or bring a dance to share, or just come dance, and have a nice afternoon in the park.

Then 5 - 6:30, we'll have a potluck dinner, and get ready to dance from 7 - 10. The band is a north-south joining of the bay area's Kathrine Gardner, Kathy Hirsh, and Kit Nelson, along with our own, Deirdre Lynds. Calling will be Palo Alto's Eric Black.

After the dance we'll all head to Rusty's on the corner of Carrillo and Bath for more music, fun, talk, pizza, and who knows?

Then Sunday we take over the Rec center. There'll be almost non-stop contradancing in the ballroom, from noon to midnight. In the side rooms there'll be fast moving squares, English country dancing, a hambo workshop, and maybe more.

In the main hall we will have a cornucopia of callers and bands. The callers we have lined up so far include, Eric Black, Kathy Fanning, Erik Hoffman, James Hutson, Carl Magagnosc, Jonathan Southard, and Drew Tronvig. The band list features the Growling Old Geezers, the Kathrine Gardner and friends, Drastic Measures, and the Tecolote Tune Twisters. Besides dancing, we have space for hanging out, or jamming, so come join the fun!

KCBX's Live Oak Festival

Once again, Fathers' Day Weekend, June 18 - 20, the Live Oak Folk Festival is just a hop over the hill. Great music, camping, jamming, and even dancing for the whole family will be found at the San Marcos Camp, near Lake Cachuma. A wide variety of music is scheduled throughout the weekend featuring traditional music by such luminaries as the Double Decker String Band, and D.L. Menard and the Louisiana Aces. Modern traditions will be represented by the likes of Mark O'Connor, the Kips Bay Ceili Band, and the Nashville Bluegrass Band. Local favorites featured include the Acousticcats, Granite Tapestry, Gilles Apap, and Mike Mullins.

Friday, after the concert (around 11 pm) Erik Hoffman and the Double Decker String Band will join forces *Continues, Camp Mania, page 2*

**The Third Annual Irish Fair
Music, Dance, and More**

The 3rd annual Santa Barbara Irish Festival will take place June 5 and 6 at Oak Park from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. The dance platform at the park will be the place to view Irish step dancing throughout both days plus Scottish Country dancing. More importantly, for contra dancers, simple, progressive Irish dances will be taught both Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 p.m. These dances are lively, easy, fun and are very reminiscent of contra dancing. Live music will be played for all dancing by a variety of bands, including some who play or have played for contra dances. Join in the dancing!

There will be two additional stages with continuous entertainment by vocal groups and solo singers and musicians from Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Over 20 bands and individual performers are scheduled to play/sing over the weekend. A jamming area will be set up all day on both days for musicians to play, listen to, and swap tunes, so bring your instruments. There will be food, beverages, Irish imports on sale and a children's area.

Also, Saturday night, June 5, there will be a special dance featuring contras, squares, Irish set dancing (like contras and squares) and couple dances. It's to be held at San Roque Hall, also known as Monsignor McCabe Hall, 3225 Calle Piñon, off San Roque Rd., in Santa Barbara. The dance starts at 7:30. Also, there's a side room ripe for jamming, so bring instruments too.

Linelle Glass, S. B. Irish Festival Committee

More International Folk Dance

It's never too late to attend one of the upcoming folk dance classes because dances previously taught are reviewed each time and new dances are added. Primarily line dances of various nationalities are being taught--Israeli, Serbian, Roumanian, Croatian, Greek, Macedonian and more--along with a few couple dances. Beginners are encouraged to attend and partners are not necessary. Here's the upcoming schedule.

June 20 is the next class at the Carrillo Recreation Center. Note the earlier starting time of 4:30 p.m.; the class will end at 6:00 p.m. Linelle Glass will continue teaching, assisted by Steve Davis.

There will not be a folk dance class in July.

August 13 at Oak Park, Steve Davis will teach Scottish Country dancing from 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

The dancers attending have been very enthusiastic, and it's been a pleasure to introduce folk dancing to contra dancers. Please call Linelle (682-1593) or Steve (964-5591) for further information or to make dance requests.

Linelle Glass

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for an Old-Time Barn Dance. Children's activities, a market place, and lots of jamming and music will be on hand practically twenty four hours a day. Call (805) 781-3030 for info.

The Solstice Festival

On the weekend of June 25 - 27, in the hills of Agoura, the beautiful Soka University will once again be converted into a gala folk festival. Many great folk bands, musicians, and callers will be present to play concerts, demonstrate dances, and teach music and dance. There will be far more than something for everyone.

For contradancing, Steve Zakon and Erik Hoffman will be on hand. World renown clog and tap dancer, Ira Bernstein will teach clogging. Local favorites, Rick Drake, Michael Mendelson, Jim Mueller, and Amber Roullard, will be among the musicians. But that's barely even the tip of the iceberg. Irish, English, French Canadian, Cajun, and International dance will all be featured. Then there's storytelling, children's programs, concerts, singing, jam sessions, Old-Time fiddle, Scottish fiddle, and much more. For information, call Erik at (805) 969-9777 or the California Traditional Music Society at (818) 342-7664.

Mendocino

A whole week of dancing? Just ask anyone who's been: they'll probably tell you stories of magical musical late nights and fabulous dances, along with the joys of being in the woods of Mendocino. This year's camp runs from July 10 - 17. It features contras, square, English and ritual dancing. The program staff includes Brad Foster, Bill Alkire, Cathie Whitesides, Laurie Andres, Sandy Bradley (!), Greg and Jere Canote, and Erik Hoffman, among others. Being a dance camp, registration is limited to somewhere around 100. By the end of the week, you feel you know everyone, and will have made some great new friends. Pick up an application at a dance, or call Flip Alpern at (707) 459-2141.

Family Week

More and more dancers are having children. And what a could be better than to have them join in, dancing, playing music, and just having a great time in the woods? The Bay Area Country Dance Society's Family week follows "adult" week, running from July 17 - 24. Families of any size, one or greater are welcome. On hand will be John Krumm, Sherry Nevins, the Canotes, and more. There will be activities for all ages, and childcare for the youngest. Look for flyers at local dances or call Emily and Jerry Allen for more info: (707) 765-6559.

Lark in the Morning

Lark is a music and dance camp. Since it's primary focus is music, a lot more people show up. But it has dancing too! And the variety is mind-boggling! Hurdy-gurdies, guidas, highland pipes, marimbas, and, of course, fiddles, banjos, accordions, guitars, mandolins, you name it, it's there. And there are classes in most of these things. Then every day you can contra dance, French dance, clog, or do international

dance. And the jam sessions, they sprout out from everywhere 24 hours a day. Though there is a bit less intimacy and sophistication, the breadth is amazing.

It covers nine days, from July 30 - August 7. You can go for the whole week, or a half, either first or last. Flyers should be at our dances, or you can call (707) 964-5569, the Lark in the Morning store.

Alta Sierra

Drew Tronvig is at it again! He has reserved the beautiful Alta Sierra camp for Labor Day Weekend, September 3 - 6. He is just now putting together what should be an all star staff. So mark your calendars, and call Drew for info on this long, great, holiday weekend, (310) 582-1944.

Echo Summit

If the elevation of Alta Sierra isn't high enough, it looks like Echo Summit will happen again. This year it's the weekend before Harvest Moon, September 17 - 19. Dance and sing high among the granite peaks. Call Erik, (805) 969-9777 for details, as they become available.

Harvest Moon

I should tell you lots, like how great Steve Zakon is, or that Mark Simos can switch from Old-Time to Irish fiddling, piano, or guitar, at the drop of the hat, and then play his own compositions that leave you crying out for more, or that Laurie Andres is by far and away the best contra/English accordion player in the country, or the Paul Kotapish is a mandolin monster. But since the flyer is included in this mailing, just fill out the application and send it in. This year's Harvest Moon Dance Festival, held on the weekend of September 24 - 26, promises to be the best ever! Come to it!

And More

There are more: Lady of the Lake; Fiddle-tunes; Pinewoods all summer long; Augusta; Ashokan; Berea; and more. East, middle, west, and even international. If you want to travel out of the state, call the Country Dance and Song Society, (413) 584-1113, or better yet, join CDSS and receive their newsletter listing scads of weekends and events. So, plan your vacation now for a magical, musical, dancing time.

Erik Hoffman

From the Mail

I enjoyed my first experience at the dance on March 21. It was great fun, good exercise, and relatively non-threatening.

I appreciated seeing iterated in the articles in the newsletter that "come on" really ruins the experience for many of us. I like the opportunity to connect, have fun, and be friendly -- but as a newcomer, I am overpowered, confused, and intimidated when the men seem to have the habit of seeing a woman as an object. This happened a couple times, though for the most part this was not the behavior.

Nevertheless, I intend to keep attending, and appreciate knowing that the awareness is there, and would even like to hear it vocalized at the dances.

Thea H.

Old-Time Contra Dance Calendar

Santa Barbara Country Dance Society, P.O. Box 21904, Santa Barbara, CA 93121 (805) 969-1511

Come dance on the finest dance floor in the West at the Carrillo Ballroom, or at the Main School dance hall in Carpinteria. Join the fun! Dance to the irresistible rhythms of live old-time string bands. There is an INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP before each regular weekend dance! Come a half-hour early to learn the basic steps. No prior experience is necessary. All the dances are taught and prompted. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Generally dances become more challenging as the evening progresses.

PHONE: FOR THE LATEST DANCE INFORMATION, CALL THE SBCDS 24-HOUR DANCE HOTLINE: 805/969-1511

- Sat May 29 OP Dance away Memorial Day weekend at the *Sprung Floor Dance Festival*. It all begins with fun in the sun - an open band and open callers at Oak Park dance platform at 2:00 PM, followed by a potluck dinner in the Park at 5:00, then on the ballroom for more dancing...
- Sat May 29 CB The *Sprung Floor Dance Festival* continues with our distinguished guest caller, *Eric Black*. The music will be supplied by a very special band - *Katherine Gardner & Friends*. 7:00-10:00. \$6.
- Sun May 30 CB More *Sprung Floor* dancing! A must for die-hard dancers. A variety of callers and a variety of bands will keep us on our toes from noon to midnight! \$20 for a full day of dancing.

ALL DANCES: 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM. INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP STARTS AT 6:30. DANCES ARE \$5 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

- Sun June 6 CB Lively caller *Jonathan Southard* and the versatile band *Kitchen Junket* team up for a zesty evening!
- Fri June 11 OP Come out for an enjoyable time under the stars with *Carl Magagnosc* and the *Hot Flashes*!
- Sun June 20 CB Calling and dance writing legend, *Steve Zakon*, comes to our neck of the woods. Backed by *Lucille Reilly, Carl Magagnosc & Michael Mendelson*, it's a special dance not to be missed! Admission is \$6 tonight. (Prior to the dance, *Linelle Glass* will teach introductory international folk dancing 4:30 to 6:00 for free!)
- Sat June 26 CARP *Jonathan Southard* calls to the driving tunes of *Carl Magagnosc & Friends*!
- Sun July 4 CB *Chuck Galt* pays us a visit and *Drastic Measures* provide the music! (From 5:30 to 6:20, there will be a special dance workshop featuring couples dances taught by *Carl Magagnosc*! Adults \$2; kids \$1)
- Fri July 9 OP How easy it is to swing to the welcome sounds of *Carl Magagnosc* and *Swing Easy*!
- Sun July 18 CB *Jonathan Southard* joins forces with *Swing Easy* for more gaiety!
- Sat July 24 CARP It's a family affair as *Susan Michaels* and *Turtle Creek* call and play for our dancing pleasure!
- Sun Aug. 1 CB The *Growling Old Geezers* provide good old country sounds to back *Carl Magagnosc's* calling!
- Fri Aug. 13 OP Outdoor magic with *Erik Hoffman* and the *Growling Old Geezers*! (Tonight's dance is preceded by a Scottish country dance class taught by *Steve Davis* from 5:00 to 6:20 for free!)
- Sun Aug. 15 CB *Carl Magagnosc* resorts to *Drastic Measures* for our entertainment! (From 4:00 to 5:30 *Erik Hoffman* will sponsor a family dance - adults \$3; kids \$2), followed by a community potluck dinner!
- Sat Aug. 28 CARP *Erik Hoffman* gets the *Hot Flashes*, and so do we!
- Sun Aug. 29 CB Brave New Callers needed for our *Caller's Jubilee*! Come have some fun and show your stuff. With *Drastic Measures* in the background, how can you go wrong? To sign up call *Erik Hoffman* (969-9777).

Location Key: CB Carrillo Ballroom, 100 East Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara
 CARP Main School, Corner of 8th and Palm, Carpinteria
 OP Oak Park Dance Stage, Corner of Pueblo and Junipero, Santa Barbara

OTHER EVENTS IN OUR VICINITY

- SAN LUIS OBISPO: 2nd Saturdays. SLO Grange Hall, 2880 S. Broad Street, San Luis Obispo. 8:00-11:00. Intro 7:30. Information: 805/541-1148 (Dave & Kathrine) or 805/546-0518 (Cynthia) (\$5).
- PISMO BEACH: Fridays. Pismo Beach Veterans Hall, 780 Bellow Ave, Pismo Beach. 8:00-11:00. Intro 7:30. Information: 805/541-1148 (Dave & Kathrine) or 805/546-0518 (Cynthia) (\$5).
- LOS ANGELES AREA: Contra dances every weekend and every Thursday. Call L.A. dance hotline: 818/951-2003.
- IRISH SESSIONS: 2nd & 4th Sundays. Irish music jams, songs & dance. Upstairs at Rusty's Pizza - corner of Carrillo & Bath (Free).

Join the **Santa Barbara Country Dance Society**. Members of the **Santa Barbara Country Dance Society** receive a \$1 discount at all regular dances (generally those in the main listing). Membership is \$18 per calendar year, from January 1, to December 31. The cost is pro-rated for each calendar quarter, so, from April 1 - December 31, the cost is only \$13.50. From July, \$9. And during the last quarter starting in October it's \$4.50. To join simply send a check to:

SBCDS
PO Box 21904
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO JOIN IN MAKING
OUR DANCES HAPPEN?

SBCDS is looking for:

- A recording secretary for our board meetings. Geneally about once a month, to take notes and/or type them up.

If you would like to help, call Bob Hamber at 964-1445, or leave a message on the Dance Hotline, 969-1511.

Lost something? Our lost & found is kept at the Carrillo Ballroom, as at the front desk at one of our dances.

Dance Star

Got something you want to write about or say about dance? The Dance Star is always looking for articles, letters, artwork, or ? All communication and contributions should be sent to SBCDS, or call and leave a message at (805) 969-9777.



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