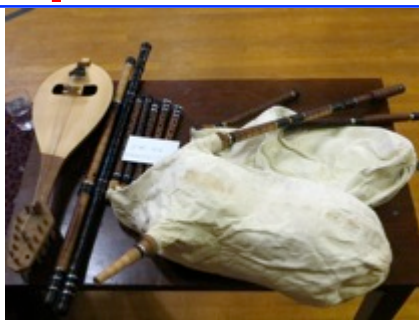


Kopachka Folk Dancers

NEWSLETTER



Pot Luck December 5th at Strawberry Rec. Center

NEW LOCATION:

Strawberry Recreation Center
118 E. Strawberry Drive
Mill Valley

Exit Hwy. 101 at Tiburon Blvd. (131).
Go east towards Tiburon for 3/4 mile to
E. Strawberry Drive. Turn right, then go
straight to the parking lot entry on right.

Entry \$5 - Monthly Pass available
First time free

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From the President's Corner

Thanks to all for making 2014 a very successful year! Moving to the Strawberry Recreation Center for the 2014/2015 year was a major transition for the Kopachka Folk Dancers, and it has, by all accounts, been a great success for us. The spacious, sprung wood dance floor has been a pleasure and the view from the second floor pleasing as well.

Highlights of the fall included special guest-teaching by master teacher and folklorist **Yannis 'Yanni' Konstantinou** in October, part of a tour arranged by Caroline Simmonds. Many thanks to Yanni and Caroline for making the guest-teaching a reality for us. Later in the month, we had a great turn-out for a rousing dance party with **Bulgarika**, four masters of Bulgarian traditional music. The level of energy and spirit was amazing. Many thanks to Kopachka member Joyce Clyde for arranging Bulgarika's tour.

September marked the launching of our Kopachka website. Our thanks go to webmaster **Rachel Buddeberg** for her

work on the website. If you have suggestions for the website, please let me know and I can share with Rachel. I also wish to thank **Caroline Simmonds** for guest-teaching in November and for sharing her insights and love of traditional dance with us.

2015 is almost upon us, and so now is a good time to look ahead to see what is in store. On **January 2nd** we'll restart our Friday night dancing with an **all-request party night** and, in celebration of the New Year, admission is *free* for all that night! So please bring your friends and those who might want to try out an evening with Kopachka. We ask that everyone bring a refreshment item (snack or drink) to share. And if you'd like to dress in a festive manner, please feel encouraged to do so!

We have invited **Sue Williard** for a return engagement of guest-teaching in early 2015. In the past Sue taught our club Kara Tren, Krajdunavsko Horo, Deninka, and Staro Bankso. Dates will soon be confirmed.

On **April 24, 2015**, we will have our next Hardly Strictly Balkan live music party with **Zabava!** The band was a big success when they last played for us in October 2013. We are looking forward to another spirited and lively dance party. Do spread the word.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 1st. If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding club matters please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Board members to bring up issues that you would like the Board to consider. Here's to a successful year of dancing among friends in the New Year.

Friday Calendar

JANUARY 2015

2 Happy New Year!
>> **FREE Entry for All** <<
ALL REQUESTS 1st Friday
7:30-10:30pm
(no teaching)

9 Monthly Pass = \$15
(4 weeks for price of 3)

16 Regular teaching schedule
7:30-8:30pm

23 Program 8:30-10:30pm

30 Watch the weekly blasts
for teachers and dances.

FEBRUARY

6 **ALL REQUESTS 1st Friday**
7:30-10:30pm
(no teaching)
Monthly Pass = \$15
(4 weeks for price of 3)

13 Regular teaching schedule
7:30-8:30pm

20 Program 8:30-10:30pm

27 Watch the weekly blasts
for teachers and dances.

SCHEDULE

7:30-8pm

Beginning-Intermediate
teaching

8-8:30pm

Intermediate-advanced
teaching

8:30-10:30pm

Dance Program with
light refreshments

First Friday:

All Requests
7:30-10:30pm
(no teaching)

See you on the dance floor,

Nadav Nur, President
Kopachka Folk Dancers

Some photos from fall 2014 parties & teaching at Strawberry Recreation Center, Kopachka's new venue



The mission of Kopachka membership is to enhance our shared love of international dance, music and culture through committed and cooperative efforts, and participation in the running and maintenance of the club. Membership is open to all interested individuals.



Bay Area Dancing

Mondays, January 5 & 19

Balkan Dance Cabal

7:30 - 9:30pm

Ashkenaz back studio \$5

balkanazers@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 7

Balkan Folkdance

7-8pm teaching

8pm-dancing til 11pm \$7

Ashkenaz ashkenaz.com

Sunday, January 11

Zabava! Live band

(sponsored by Balkan Dance Cabal)

7:30-8:30pm teaching by

Nadav Nur & Jerry Duke

8:30pm Live mus \$10

Ashkenaz ashkenaz.com

Saturday, January 17

Serbian-themed dance party

7-8pm teaching 8-11pm party \$7

St. Bede's Hall, Menlo Park

(offered by The Moveable Feet Club)

lucyschang@gmail.com

Sunday, January 18

UC Berkeley Folkdance Reunion

1:30-5:30pm \$7

Ashkenaz, ashkenaz.com

Sunday January 18

Celebration of Life: Marcel Vinokur

6-10pm

Lucy Stern Community Center

1305 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park

2014-2015

Board Members

Nadav Nur, President

Andy Toplarski, Vice President

Susie Shoaf, Secretary

Margaret Harrison, Treasurer

Gail Hurwitz, Membership Chair

Elizabeth Settel, Elections

& Bylaws Chair

Marilyn Wronsky, Publicity

& Special Events Chair

Financial Report December 2014

Balance: 10/31/14 \$ 8,759

Nov.-Dec. 2014

Income \$ 754

Nov. entry \$ 365

Dec. entry \$ 389

Expenses \$1,458

Rent Nov. & Dec. \$1152

Other expenses: \$ 306

(website, guest teaching, kitchen supplies, whiteboard)

Balance: 12/31/14 \$ 8,055