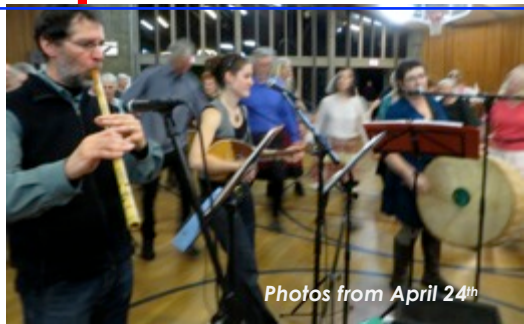


Kopachka Folk Dancers

NEWSLETTER



Photos from April 24th



ZABAVA! Live dance party

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

Spring is in full swing at Kopachka Folk Dancers. Recent highlights include our 'Hardly Strictly Balkan Spring Folk Dance Party', which was a major success. Many thanks to **Zabava!** for its musicianship and energy (no breaks for them!). We drew a great crowd from all over the Bay Area, and everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks to **Tom Farris** on tambura & guitar, **Rich Schultz** on kaval, **Michele Simon** on tapan, and **Corinne Sykes** on tambura, and the multi-instrumentalist **Bill Cope**. The singing of Michele and Corinne was transcendent, with a great Lesnoto medley to close out the evening. I want to thank all who volunteered to help set up, close up, sit at the door to take money, and all who brought tasty refreshments.

We are wrapping up our first year at Strawberry Recreation Center, and will be back in September for a second dance-year. I would like to thank everyone who has helped make the transition such a success, including **Toni Denmark** and **Susie Shoaf**, for arranging for this venue. There are many others to thank for a successful year, including Board members: **Andy Toplarski**, vice president, Susie, secretary and newsletter editor, **Margaret Harrison**, treasurer; **Gail Hurwitz**, membership chair; **Marilyn Wronsky**, publicity & special

events chair; and **Elizabeth Settel**, elections & bylaws chair, who also stepped in as interim program chair.

This year we had a great group of teachers, including 5 superb 'guest' teachers: **Yannis Konstantinou**, **Caroline Simmonds**, **Anke Koelman**, **Kristalli Papadopoulos**, and **Sue Williard**. I also thank our talented club teachers: **Susie**, **Andy**, **Gail**, **Jerry Duke**, **Peggy Chipkin**, and **Jane Tripi**. Thanks to past program chair **Marina Troost** and current chair **Elizabeth** for recruiting a broad base of programmers, several who programmed for the first time this year: **Iman Bluhm**, **Jill Breslauer**, **John Carroll**, **Gloria Coté**, **Padma Ramani**, **Roz Patterson**, **Frank Tripi**, **Chris Tweedie**, **April Wakeman**, **Marina**, **Toni**, **Peggy**, and **Elizabeth**. Many thanks to **Rachel Buddeberg** for setting up and maintaining our brand-new Kopachka website. This year **Andy** and **Toni** again produced beautiful postcards and ads of the club and our parties. Thanks to all who brought refreshments, helped set up, clean up, and spread the word about our group.

On **May 1**, we will participate in **Bay Area Dance Week**. Attendance will be free for all, with all-request dancing, emphasizing fun dances for all in the first hour. On **June 12th**, the club will hold **elections** for the coming dance year. Nominations will open for the four officer positions on **May 22nd** and close on **June 5th**. Members, please consider running for office. **Elizabeth** will again oversee the process; see the summary on page 2.

We will take our usual **summer break**, after dancing on **June 19th** (no dancing **June 26th**) and recommence on **September 11th**. During that time, we hope you'll keep dancing this summer (see page 2 options).

Wishing you the best of dancing this spring and summer,

Nadav Nur, President
 Kopachka Folk Dancers

Friday Calendar MAY

1 Bay Area Dance Week
 >>FREE<< ALL REQUESTS
 (no teaching)

8 Monthly Pass \$15 (4 weeks)

Regular teaching schedule

15 7:30-8:30pm

22 Program 8:30-10:30pm

Watch the weekly blasts

29 for teachers and dances.

JUNE

5 ALL REQUESTS no teaching
7:30-10:30pm

Monthly Pass \$10 (3 weeks)

12 Regular teaching schedule

7:30-8:30pm

19 Program 8:30-10:30pm

(26) >> NO DANCING <<
Summer Break

11 SEPTEMBER

Dancing begins at
 Strawberry >> All requests
 no teaching

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)



Kopachka Officers: Margaret, Andy, Susie & Nadav

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Election time – June 12

Our annual election of officers for the 2015-2016 year will take place on Friday, June 12th. Nominations for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer will be open from May 22nd to June 5th. All Kopachka members are eligible to run for office. Duties of the officers are described in the club bylaws available at Strawberry.

Please consider participating in your club by running for office. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Settel, elections & bylaws chair. ejsettel28@gmail.com.

**Mendocino Folklore Camp
July 4-11, 2015**

Lucky's big birthday bazaar donations
Lucky Sheehan has a big birthday this week and is celebrating by asking everyone to help her out by bringing just one item for the Mendocino Folklore Camp bazaar this summer (tax write-offs). She wants her first time running the bazaar to be a big success. So, how about helping find a folkdance blouse, skirt/shirt, accessory, souvenir, print, photo, jewelry, scarf or anything 'ethnic' from your closet? Please bring one item on Friday AND wish Lucky a 'Happy Birthday'! Still time to join her and other Kopachka members at camp too!

Mendocinofolklore.org

Financial Report

April 2015

Balance: 2/28/15	\$ 7,517
Mar.-Apr. 2015	
Income	\$1,811
March entry	\$ 602
April entry	\$1,209
Expenses	\$2,108
Rent Mar. & Apr. party	\$1,226
teachers, dues, postcards, ad	\$ 675
	\$ 207
Balance: 4/26/15	\$7,220

Bay Area Dancing

**Friday, May 1 at KOPACHKA
Bay Area Dance Week**

FREE >> All request dancing
bayareandw.org

Mondays: May 4 & 18; June 1 & 15
Balkan Dance Cabal Ashkenaz
7:30 - 9:30pm int./adv. teaching \$5
balkanazers@gmail.com (back room)
(taking off July/ back in August)

Wednesday, May 6
Balkan Folkdance (from the 70's)
7-8pm teaching 8-11pm dancing \$7
Ashkenaz, Berkeley ashkenaz.com

Sunday, May 10
Balkan Dance Cabal Ashkenaz
7:30 - 11pm Dancing to recorded music & **Da! Mozhem Live** \$10
balkanazers@gmail.com (front room)

Tuesday, May 19
Summer Dancing 'Jump Start'
7-9pm 'free' Monroe Hall, Santa Rosa
Razzmatazz Folk Dance Club (see below)

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day)
Balkan Workshop - Erik Bendix 2-6 pm
Moveable Feet Club, St. Bede's Hall,
2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park \$12
lucyschang@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 3
Balkan Folkdance (from the 70's)
7-8pm teaching 8-11pm dancing \$7
Ashkenaz, Berkeley ashkenaz.com

Santa Rosa Summer Folk Dancing
Tuesdays, end May-August 7-9pm \$4
all request dancing - no teaching
Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave.,
Santa Rosa razzmatuzzclub@gmail.com

Petaluma Summer Folk Dancing
Mondays, June 1 - August 3 7-9:15pm
\$5 all request dancing 415-663-9512
Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave.,
Petaluma cjay@horizoncable.com

2014-2015

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