

Kopachka Folk Dancers Newsletter

Friday Calendar



BULGARIKA at Kopachka Oct. 17th

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

I am happy to report that the Kopachka Folk Dancer's transition to our new venue, the Strawberry Recreation Center in Mill Valley, has been a great success. For those who have yet to join us this fall, please do! You will be impressed with the spaciousness and the fantastic floor for dancing. We thank the staff of the Recreation Center for looking after us in our location.

So far we have had two successful events this fall. Most recently, we had the pleasure of dancing to **Bulgarika** at our fall 'Hardly Strictly Balkan' live-music party. **Bulgarika** is composed of four master musicians from Bulgaria: **Nikolay Kolev** on gadulka; **Donka Koleva**, vocal; **Vassil Bebelev** on gajda; and **Dragni Dragnev** on tapan, gaida, and keyboard. Nikolay and Donka now live in Queens, and Vassil lives in San Jose; Dragni came from Varna just for this tour.

The turn out was great: 76 dancers, many from our fellow groups in the North Bay. Everyone enjoyed the musicianship and spirit of **Bulgarika**, and the band enjoyed playing for us.

The week before our party we were treated to a master dance lesson from international expert on Greek-Macedonian folk dance, **Yannis Konstantinou**. Yannis shared his enthusiasm and deep knowledge of the dances, and the cultural context of the dances, from the Macedonian and Thracian regions of Greece. I was lucky to have taken a workshop in 1986 from Yannis' father, **Simos Konstantinou**, who was a well-known dancer and teacher himself.

Thanks to **Joyce Clyde** and **Caroline Simmonds**, for arranging the visits of **Bulgarika** and Yannis, respectively, and everyone else who pitched in to make the events so successful.

The next big event on the dance horizon is the **63rd annual Kolo Festival, November 28th and 29th**, at the Croatian American Cultural Center in San Francisco, featuring teaching by **Steve Kotansky** (Macedonian and Albanian) and **Ahmet Lüleci** (Turkish), two of the best teachers

NOVEMBER 2014

7 7pm Member's meeting
ALL REQUESTS 1st Friday
7:45-10:30pm
(no teaching)

14 Regular teaching schedule
Watch the weekly blasts for
teachers and dances

28 No Dancing -
Kolo Festival in S.F.

DECEMBER

5 7-8pm POT LUCK
ALL REQUESTS 1st Friday
8-10:30pm
(no teaching)

12 Regular teaching schedule

19 Watch the weekly blasts for
teachers and dances.

26 No Dancing - Holiday

JANUARY 2015

2 ALL REQUESTS 1st Friday
7:30-10:30pm
(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)

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and folk dance researchers around. There will be no dancing at Kopachka on Nov. 28th, so please do attend the great workshops and evening parties



Yannis Konstantinou, (above) guest Greek teacher on Oct. 10th

both Friday and Saturday over Thanksgiving weekend. For more information:

<http://balkantunes.org/kolofestival>.

There will be a members' meeting on November 7th from 7 to 7:45pm. We will talk about ways in which everyone can help keep Kopachka Folk Dancers a thriving club, whether it is to help with setting up, programming, being a party 'elf', providing refreshments, or in other ways. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for communication among the members regarding any issues or concerns. I hope all members can attend. Then, **on December 5th we will have a Pot Luck, eating at 7pm** with dancing from 8pm.

Finally, thanks to **Rachel Buddeberg** for our new, wonderful website:

www.kopachkafolkdancers.com.

Also, thanks to The Nature Conservancy for the donation of a laptop and monitor.

See you on the dance floor!

Nadav Nur
President, Kopachka Folk Dancers



BULGARIKA singer Donka (above) & musicians Nikolay, Dagny & Vassil (below) with Susie on Oct. 17th at our Fall Dance Party



Bay Area Dancing

Wednesday, November 5

Balkan Folkdance, Ashkenaz
7-8pm Nadav Nur teaching
8pm-dancing til 11pm \$7
ashkenaz.com

Mondays, November 10 & 17

Balkan Dance Cabal
7:30 - 9:30pm Nadav teaching
Ashkenaz back studio \$5
balkanazers@gmail.com

Saturday, November 15

Folkdance Federation's Officers Ball
workshops & evening party
Veterans Memorial Hall, Livermore
folkdance.com

Friday & Saturday, day & eve November 28 & 29

KOLO FESTIVAL - SF
Croatian-American Cultural Center
balkantunes.org/kolofestival/
(no dancing at Kopachka)

Monday, December 8

Petaluma Holiday Party
7-9:30pm \$10 recorded+Gradina
Herman Sons Hall, Petaluma
cjay@horizoncable.com

Mondays, December 8 & 22

Balkan Dance Cabal, Ashkenaz
7:30-9:30pm \$5 (see above)

Wednesday, December 10

Balkan Folkdance, Ashkenaz
7-8pm teaching \$7
8-11pm dancing (see above)

2014-2015

Board Members

- Nadav Nur, President
- Andy Toplarski, Vice President
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Financial Report

October 2014

Balance: 8/31/14 \$ 10,090

Sept.-Oct. 2014

Income \$ 2,004

Sept. entry \$ 580

Oct. entry \$ 664

Oct. party entry \$ 760

Expenses \$ 3,335

Rent Sept. & Oct. \$1728

Other expenses: \$1607

(party, guest teaching, equipment, postcards, ads)

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