

March-April 2015

Ethnic Dances from the Balkans and Beyond, following the Linscott Tradition

# Kopachka Folk Dancers



Guest Teacher Anke Koelman at Kopachka Jan. 30

**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 upon us, and that means lots of folk dance festivities, starting with our **spring pot luck, March 6<sup>th</sup>**, at our usual and spacious location: Strawberry Recreation Center. All are invited, members and friends. Please try to arrive by 7pm. We will set up and sit down to eat soon after 7pm followed by all-request dancing from 8pm to 10:30. Do bring a dish or drinks to share, and please provide a serving spoon, if needed.

On **March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**, we are pleased that **Sue Williard** will return to Kopachka for two weeks of guest-teaching. This is Sue's third engagement with us. Sue is both a wonderful dancer and a skilled teacher, with much enthusiasm and energy, who has previously taught at the Kolo Festival and at the Lark Camp at Mendocino Woodlands. Do remember: **On March 27<sup>th</sup> we will be dancing at Scout Hall (177 E. Blithedale Ave.), not at the Strawberry Recreation Center, which is booked for a previously scheduled event.**

On **April 24<sup>th</sup>** Kopachka will host its **'Hardly Strictly Balkan' Spring Dance Party**, with one of our favorite bands,

**Zabava!** Zabava! last played for us in October 2013 and they were a big hit. Now, we will be able to have our party at the spacious Strawberry Recreation Center, with its sprung wooden dance floor. If you attended our party with Bulgarika this past October, then you know what a great venue this is for live music dance parties. Tell your friends!

Zabava! is one of the Bay Area's premier Balkan dance bands, and were a major success at the 2014 Kolo Festival. The band, whose name means 'party', plays energetic and rhythmically dazzling music in the Bulgarian, Greek, Macedonian, and Romani traditions. These musicians recreate the vibrant interplay of traditional music and dance from the cultural crossroads of the southern Balkans. Along with Bill Cope (gajda, bouzouki, tambura, accordion, vocals), Zabava! features Corinne Sykes (vocals, tambura, tupan, darabuka), Michele Simon (vocals, baglama, tupan, hand drum), Rich Schultz (kaval), and Tom Farris (tambura, guitar, hand drum).

Finally, I would like to thank all who have volunteered to help keep Kopachka running. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

See you on the dance floor,

Nadav Nur , President  
Kopachka Folk Dancers

## NEWSLETTER

### Friday Calendar MARCH

- 6** 7pm POT LUCK  
8-10:30pm ALL REQUESTS  
(no teaching)  
Monthly Pass \$15 (4 weeks)
- 13** Regular teaching schedule  
7:30-8:30pm  
Program 8:30-10:30pm  
Watch the weekly blasts  
for teachers and dances.
- 20** Sue Williard, guest teacher  
(20th & 27th for 2 weeks)

▼ **at SCOUT HALL** ◀  
**27** moving March 27th only  
 ▲ 117 E. Blithedale Ave., MV

### APRIL

- 3** ALL REQUESTS 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
7:30-10:30pm  
(no teaching)  
Monthly Pass \$15 (4 weeks)
- Regular teaching schedule  
7:30-8:30pm  
Program 8:30-10:30pm  
Watch the weekly blasts  
for teachers and dances.
- 10**
- 17**
- 24** **ZABAVA! Live 8-11pm**  
\$10 'Hardly Strictly Balkan'  
Spring Folk Dance Party

## 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)**

Photos from February 6<sup>th</sup> first Friday All Request Night 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.*

**Zabava! Live - Friday, April 24**  
at Kopachka - 'Hardly Strictly Balkan'  
**Spring Dance Party 8-11pm \$10**

**Bay Area Dance Week**

**Friday, May 1 – Free Friday Event**  
In conjunction with a week-long series of free dance events around the Bay, Kopachka will join in with a 'Free Friday' on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Invite your friends!  
[bayareandw.org](http://bayareandw.org)

- 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

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

bazaar & auction donations  
For everyone who listened to my story of the Japanese 'tidying' expert's visit, with her effective method of reducing clutter, you learned that I'm now into keeping only things around me that 'spark joy', at least to me. **Who knows what joy they may spark in others, however?** With that said, it's a great time for everyone to join in with a bit of spring-cleaning. **Lucky Sheehan** and I are in charge, respectively, of the **Mendocino Folklore Camp bazaar and auctions this summer** and are seeking donations (tax write-offs) of your still 'joyful' folkdance outfits, accessories, authentic souvenirs, prints, jewelry, hangings, ...anything 'ethnic'! Please bring them by any Friday AND join us and other Kopachka members at camp too!

My all time favorite folk dance teacher, **Yves Moreau**, will be teaching Bulgarian dance. Plus there will be English Country & French-Canadian dance teachers and so much more. Check it out or ask us!  
- Susie and Lucky

**Mendocinofolklore.org**

<b>Financial Report</b>		<i>February 2015</i>
<u>Balance: 12/31/14</u>		<u>\$ 8,055</u>
<b>Jan.-Feb. 2015</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>\$ 995</b>
Jan. entry	\$ 465	
Feb. entry	\$ 530	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,533</b>
Rent Jan. & Feb.	\$1440	
other expenses:	\$ 93	
(website, guest teaching)		
<u>Balance: 2/28/14</u>		<u>\$7,517</u>



**Bay Area Dancing**

**Sundays: March 1 & April 12**  
**Sundays at Lomitas Schoolhouse**  
**2-5pm** All request dancing & pot luck \$5  
2421 Lomitas Ave., Santa Rosa  
*sponsored by razzmatazz folk dance club*

**Mondays: March 9, 30, April 12, 26**  
**Balkan Dance Cabal** Ashkenaz  
**7:30 - 9:30pm** int./adv. teaching \$5  
balkanazers@gmail.com

**Saturday, March 21**  
**Razzmatazz Red & Black Ball**  
**7:30-10:30pm \$5** (bring snacks)  
dance party to recorded music  
Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Ave.,  
Santa Rosa >> Wear **red & black**  
razzmatazzfolkdanceclub@gmail.com

**Wednesday, April 1**  
**Balkan Folkdance** (from the 70's)  
**7-8pm** teaching **8-11pm** dancing \$7  
Ashkenaz, Berkeley ashkenaz.com

**Saturday, April 18**  
**International folk dance party**  
*Petaluma Snap-y Dancers*  
**8-9:15pm** recorded favorites  
**9:30-11pm** live music by **Staro Vino**  
**\$8** (bring drinks or snacks)  
Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Ave.,  
Petaluma cjay@horizoncble.com

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