

Northern California Spelmanslag News

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal year 2003-2004

The Northern California Spelmanslag

The Northern California Spelmanslag is a non-profit public benefit corporation which aims to promote Scandinavian music, dance and culture through special workshops, regular meetings, concerts and performances. The organization consists of a central organization and four member groups: the Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance Group, Nordahl Grieg Leikarring (and Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag), Nordic Footnotes, and Scandiadans Scandinavian dance class. The Spelmanslag also contains many individual members who are active in dancing or in playing Scandinavian music, loosely organized in groups by locality.

The Northern California Spelmanslag organizes and presents festivals which include extensive instruction in both folk dance and folk music, dance parties, and concerts, often including dance demonstrations. We also play host to visiting musicians, and organize musicians' workshops, concerts, and/or dances in conjunction with their visits.

The Spelmanslag has worked with other Scandinavian organizations in promoting Scandinavian culture. We have maintained contacts with various Scandinavian organizations and agencies, promoting communication and informing them of our activities. We have also sought to promote communication and cooperation between various groups across the country which promote Scandinavian culture. We mail copies of our newsletter to individuals and groups across the United States who are involved in organizing events which promote Scandinavian folk music and dance. The newsletter keeps them informed regarding Scandinavian folk dance and music activities in Northern California, and provides an outlet for them to inform others of their local special events. We have cooperated with several groups around the country in organizing tours of Scandinavian guest instructors.

The Spelmanslag publishes the Northern California Spelmanslag News quarterly. The first volume was issued in September of 1990, and this year completes our fourteenth volume. The newsletter keeps musicians, dancers, and members of the Scandinavian community informed regarding our activities. The newsletter includes a calendar of Scandinavian folk music and dance activities, as well as related cultural events in northern California and elsewhere, news about the Spelmanslag organization, and articles of general interest.

The Northern California Spelmanslag maintains an internet web page at: <http://members.aol.com/jg_little/ncs.html>. Besides basic information about the spelmanslag organization, this page includes a regularly updated calendar of Scandinavian events in northern California, the US, and, to some extent, in Scandinavia. It also includes an online version of the Northern California Spelmanslag Newsletter, links to other web sites, a list of members of the board, their phone numbers and email addresses, and tips for planning events and submitting event ideas to the board for approval.

In future years, we intend to continue striving towards our goals of promoting Scandinavian folk culture and cultural ex-

change. We will remain active in bringing instructors from Scandinavia to teach folk dance and music, and will continue to hold regular meetings for musicians and dancers. We hope to further develop the sense of community among local musicians and dancers, and will continue to work together with the larger Scandinavian community both locally and across the country.

The Board and Board Meetings

The Northern California Spelmanslag has a board of 12 members. Current directors are:

- Jeanne Sawyer, President,
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If you would like to offer input regarding Spelmanslag activities or would like to become actively involved, please contact one of the directors with your ideas and suggestions. You are welcome to attend board meetings. If you are interested in being a board member, please let one of our current directors know. Normally, elections for the board take place on the first Saturday of October. Contact Jeanne Sawyer for the time and place of board meetings.

The Year in Review: 2003 -2004

During the 2003/2004 fiscal year, NCS has held regular meetings for musicians in three Northern California locations where Scandinavian folk music has been taught and shared. The Spelmanslag also sponsors regular Scandinavian dance classes via the , Scandiadans, the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring, and the Mid Peninsula Scandinavian Dancers. Starting in January 2004, the Mid-Peninsula group went on a possibly permanent vacation. However, a new monthly dance has been organized. Its first meeting was in September 2004, in Brisbane.

NCS has provided these and other groups with non-profit status and insurance coverage. Through these regular activities, we have been successful in introducing newcomers to Scandinavian music and dance.

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemannslag hosted weekend workshops at the Sons of Norway Camp near Alta, California in November 2003 and April 2004. The NCS hosted a weekend workshop in January, and a weekend in April consisting of workshop, dance, and concert.

NCS has also provided performances of Scandinavian folk music and dance for other Scandinavian organizations, and for the general public (see the table of activities and performances included in this report).

Financial Policies

All activities of the Northern California Spelmanslag are organized and provided by volunteer services. Board members receive no compensation for their services. Volunteers do not typically receive free admission to events.

The Spelmanslag does pay guest instructors to cover their expenses; typically we are able to cover airfare and a stipend which should cover their ground travel and per diem expenses while in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Admission costs to special event workshops are based at cost divided by expected attendance. Admission to concerts and dances is based at or slightly above cost. Any profit above expenses is deposited in Spelmanslag accounts for use in future special events. There is no admission charge for regular musicians' gatherings.

Financial policies may vary somewhat for member groups.

Financial Goals

Our financial goal as an organization is to develop and maintain a reserve fund equivalent to the total budget for a special event festival (typically \$8,000 to \$12,000), plus the annual budget for the newsletter (approximately \$2,500). This brings our goal to about \$15,000 for the central NCS account. Having this amount in our account would allow us more leverage in organizing special festivals, and would allow us to take risks such as sponsoring a festival of music and dance from less-known regions of Scandinavia. Our financial reserve allows us to pay for up-front expenses (airfare, hall deposits, publicity) as they occur.

The central NCS account has continued to obtain contributions from members and individuals who wish to promote Scandinavian folk music and dance. However, these contributions do not yet cover the annual cost of producing the NCS news. We hope in future years to increase contributions in order to fully support the newsletter and to increase our reserve fund.

Financial Report

The Northern California Spelmanslag operates on a fiscal year which runs from October 1 through September 30.

The treasurer, Jim Little, has prepared the financial statement for the Northern California Spelmanslag. This report is a consolidated report reflecting the activities of the central NCS organization, Nordic Footnotes, Mid-Peninsula Dancers, Scandiadans, and the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemannslag. Please note that only the income and expenses which fall in the fiscal year of 10/1/2003 - 9/30/2004 are reported.

Organizational Affiliations

Folk Dance Federation of California.

The Northern California Spelmanslag is a club under the Folk Dance Federation of California. The Spelmanslag obtains its liability insurance through the Folk Dance Federation.

The Northern California Spelmanslag cooperates with other Scandinavian organizations such as the Swedish and Norwegian consulates, The Norway Day Festival, local Sons of Norway and VASA lodges, the American Scandinavian Foundation, the American Nyckelharpa Association, and the American Hardingfele Association. .

NCS Member Group Activities 2003 - 2004

Abbreviations:

BL: Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring
 MPSD: Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dancers
 NCS: Northern California Spelmanslag
 NGL: Nordahl Grieg Leikarring
 NGS: Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag
 NF: Nordic Footnotes
 SCD: Scandiadans

Regular Events:

Frequency;	Event type;	Sponsoring Group;	Location.
Weekly;	Fiddling/nyckleharping with Fred;	NCS;	El Cerrito.
Weekly;	performing group meetings/rehearsals;	NGL;	Mountain View.
Weekly (with a summer break);	Dance class & open dancing;	SCD;	Oakland;
Weekly;	Fiddle class/jamming; NF, (with MPSD on alt Fridays);		Atherton/Mountain View area.
Biweekly (discontinued as of Jan, 2004);	Dance class & open dancing;	MPSD;	Atherton;
Monthly	Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag meetings	NGS;	Mountain View
Monthly;	Barneleikarring (children's dance group);	NGL/BL;	Los Gatos.
1st. Saturday of each month;	Dance party;	NF;	Palo Alto area.
3rd. Sundays(beginning 9/04)	Dance class and open dancing	NCS	Brisbane

Performances and 1-time events:

Date;	Event;	Requesting Group;	Location;	Performing Group(s).
10/12/03;	Leif Eriksson Festival;	Henrik Ibsen Park ;	Woodside, CA	NGL
10/18/03;	Heritage/International Day;	Centennial Lodge;	Central Park, Davis, CA;	NGL
11/01/03;	Entertainment;	Paradise Valley Estates Retirement Center;	2600 Estates Dr. Fairfield, CA	NGL
11/07-09/03	Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne;	NGL, NGS;	Alta, CA;	NGL, NGS
11/27/03;	Thanksgiving;	Federat Young Scandinavians Club; Methodist Church, Redwood City, CA;		NGL
01/15/04;	Performance;	AARP Club, Alameda;	1155 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda, CA;	NGL
01/23/04;	Valdres Workshop preparaty ;	MPSD ;	Atherton;	MPSD
01/24-25/04	Valdres Springar Weekend Workshop;	NCS;	Los Altos Hills, CA;	NCS
02/28/04;	Performance;	Lunar New Year Unity Parade;	Memorial Park, Cupertino, CA;	NGL
03/28/04—04/02/04	North American Teacher Training Workshop;		NGL, NGS; Alta, CA;	NGL, NGS
04/02-04/04	Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne;	NGL, NGS;	Alta, CA;	NGL, NGS
04/17/04;	Spring Festival;	International House;	UC, Berkeley CA;	NGL
04/17-18	Anders & Agneta Workshops/Dance	NCS	San Jose, CA;	NCS
04/19/04;	Anders & Agneta Concert;	NCS	San Jose, CA;	NCS
04/23/04;	Vasa Golden Gate District Convention;	Svea Lodge; Hilton Hotel, Scotts Valley, CA;		NGS
01/23/04;	Valdres Workshop preparaty ;	MPSD;	Atherton;	MPSD
04/24/04;	Lions Club Handicapped Kids;	Lions Club;	Walnut Creek, CA;	BL
05/08/04;	Norway Day Festival;		Crystal Palace, Crissy Field, SF, CA;	BL
05/09/04;	Norway Day Festival;		Crystal Palace, Crissy Field, SF, CA;	NGL, NGS
05/15/04;	Slooper Memorial:	Fairview Park & Tulocay Cemetery; Napa, CA		NGL
05/21/04;	Syttende Mai Celebration;	Svea Lodge;	Odd Fellows Hall, San Jose;	NGL, NGS
05/22/04;	Syttende Mai Celebration;	Salem Lutheran Home;	2361 East 29th St., Oakland, CA;	NGL
07/04/04;	Fourth of July Parade;	Vigeland Lodge;	Redwood City, CA;	NGL
07/05/04;	Ibsen Park Opening;	Henrik Ibsen Park;	Woodside, CA	NGL
09/19/04;	Performance;	Kurkowski 50th Wedding Anniversary;	Sunnyvale, CA;	NGL

Income

	Subtotals	Totals
Income from Activities		
NCS		
Valdres Springar Review	\$ 166.00	
Valdres Springar Workshop	4,027.00	
Anders & Agneta Workshop/Dance/Concert	1,416.00	
NCS tape sales	50.00	
Insurance Reimbursments	544.50	
	6203.50	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag		
NG Leikkarring Dues	1460.00	
Barnleikkarring Fundraiser	5.00	
NG Spelemanslag Music Books & CDs	217.00	
NG Leikarring T shirt sales	50.00	
Performances	1875.00	
Camp Norge Stevne Fees	2035.00	
Camp Norge Teacher Training Fees	5595.00	
	\$11,237.00	
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance		
Bi-Weekly Dances	238.00	
		238.00
Scandiadans		
Weekly Dances	2856.00	
		2856.00
Nordic Footnotes		
Monthly Dances	1587.00	
		1587.00
Total Income from Activities		\$22,121.50
Income from Contributions and Grants		
NCS	1,313.00	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag	199.50	
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance	0.00	
Scandiadans	0.00	
Nordic Footnotes	0.00	
Total Income from Contributions and Grants		1,512.50
Interest Income		
NCS	151.66	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag	0.00	
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance	0.12	
Scandiadans	5.63	
Nordic Footnotes	0.00	
Total Interest Income		157.41
Merger of Traveling Dance Class account with NGLS account	2734.19	
		2734.19
Total Income		26,525.60

Expenses

	Subtotals	Totals
NCS		
Newsletter Printing	\$ 998.62	
Postage	640.81	

Hall Rental	1,286.50
Fliers - printing	50.15
Refreshments/food	776.91
Insurance	549.50
Dance and Music Teacher Fees	1,500.00
Airfares	1,341.40
Filing Fees, Memberships, Supplies	66.59

7,210.48

Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag

Postage and Printing	568.90
Rent	2,885.00
Insurance	261.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	135.93
Camp Norge Misc. Expenses	227.68
Camp Norge Rent	2,920.00
Camp Norge Supplies	1485.48
Camp Norge Printing & Postage	169.24
Camp Norge Teacher Airfare	3250.50
Camp Norge Teacher Fees	2,119.88

14,023.61

Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance

Rent	300.00
Insurance	58.50
Printing	0.00

358.50

Scandiadans

Rent	2,000.00
Insurance	117.00
Supplies	3.01
Subscriptions	15.00
Refreshments	190.85
Musician Fees	20.00
Facility Setup Fees	0.00

2,345.86

Nordic Footnotes

Rent	1,250.00
Insurance	72.00
Supplies	9.49

1,331.49

Total Expenses		25,269.94
Net Income		1,255.66
Beginning Balance		34,953.61
Beginning Balance + Net Income		36,209.27
Ending Balance		
NCS		18,347.12
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag		11,210.99
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance		1,161.57
Scandiadans		2,471.08
Nordic Footnotes		3,018.51
Total Ending Balance		36,209.27

Sponsors (\$100 and up)

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