

Northern California Spelmanslag News

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal year 2004-2005

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 Spelemanslag), 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 exchange. 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: 2004 -2005

During the 2004/2005 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 ScandiDance, the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring, and the Brisbane ScandiDance.

The new monthly dance and class, Brisbane ScandiDance, is in its second year. The ScandiDance this year has the added co-sponsorship by the Friends of the Brisbane Library. On Nov. 6 they provided the refreshments and a few more local attendees.

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 Spelmanslag hosted weekend workshops at the Sons of Norway Camp near Alta, California in November 2004 and April 2005.

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 (children's dance group);
 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 (except summer);	Dance class & open dancing;	SCD;	Oakland
Weekly;	Fiddle class/jamming;	NF,	South Bay Area
Monthly	Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag meetings	NGS;	Mountain View
Monthly;	Barneleikarring	NGL/BL;	Los Gatos
Monthly	1st. Saturday Dance Class/Party;	NF;	Palo Alto
Monthly (except summer);	Brisbane Dance Class/Party.	NCS	Brisbane

Performances and 1-time events:

Date;	Event;	Requesting Group;	Location;	Performing Group(s)
10/9/04	Leif Erikson Day	Santa Clara Co. Sprvsr Pete McKuen	County Government Center Plaza, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA	L
10/10/04	Leif Erikson Celebration	Henrik Ibsen Park Lodge	Henrik Ibsen Park, Woodside, CA	L
10/16/04	Daughters of Norway Meeting	Daughters of Norway	Hope Lutheran Church, Palo Alto, CA	L
10/17/04	LapsKaus Dinner	Bjornson Ldg, Sons of Nrwy	Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA	L
10/23/04	Davis Community Heritage Day	Centennial Lodge	Central Park, Davis, CA	L, B
10/28-30	Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne:	NGL, NGS	Alta, CA	NGL, NGS
10/30-11/6	North American Teacher Training Workshop:	NGL, NGS	Alta, CA	Noregs Ungdomslag; NGL, NGS
10/30/04	Wedding of Ellen Moilanen and Michael Block,	Mike & Ellen	Felton Community Hall, Felton, CA	L, S
11/13/04	Craft Fair	Craft Fair	San Leandro	L
12/5/04	Northern Lights	Grace Lutheran Church	Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St, Palo Alto, CA	L
12/04/05	Lutefisk Dinner	Nordahl Greig Lodge	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA	B
12/11/05	Christmas Party	Nordahl Greig Lodge	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA	B
01/15/05	Entertainment	AARP Club	Alameda, CA	L
01/15/05	Dance workshop, Heritage wall hanging	? ?		B
2/26/05	58th Annual Anniversary Awards Dinner	Nordahl Greig Lodge	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA	S
3/12/05	Bay Area Travel Show, Travel Industry Shows	Santa Clara Conv. Center,	5001 Great America Prkwy, Santa Clara, CA	L
4/1 - 3	Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne:	NGL, NGS	Alta, CA	NGL, NGS
4/3-10	North American Teacher Training Workshop:	NGL, NGS	Alta, CA	Noregs Ungdomslag; NGL, NGS
4/16/05	Spring Festival	UC Berkeley International House	2299 Piedmont Ave., UC Brkly, CA,	L
4/16/05	Anniversary / Birthday party	The Hansens	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA	L
5/7/05	Norway Day	Norway Day Committee	Crystal Palace, Crissy Field, San Francisco, CA	L, S
5/8/05	Norway Day	Norway Day Committee	Crystal Palace, Crissy Field, San Francisco, CA	L, S, B
5/13/05	Syttende Mai Cultural Celebration	Snorre Lodge	Hill & Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B Street, Hayward, CA	L
05/15/05	Syttende Mai Celebration	Nordahl Greig Lodge	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA	B
5/17/05	Syttende Mai Celebration	Salem Lutheran Home	Salem Lutheran Home, 2361 East 29th St., Oakland, CA	L
6/4/05	Northern CA Heritage Festival	Freya Lodge	Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell St., Petaluma, CA	L

Donations

Sponsors (\$100 and up)

Dale & Debra Hutchings	Carolyn Hunt	Fred Bialy
James Little & Linda Persson	Ann Tennis	

Patrons (\$25 to \$99)

Marie Kay Hansen	Margaret & Walker Fillius	Ann Bergstrom
Anja Miller	Jeanne & Henry Sawyer	Allan & Shirley Hansen
Keith Grant	Tom Smithberger	Ted & Carol Martin
B.K. Doyra	Mary Ann Field	Kathy Ploeger & Don Meyers
Bank of America/K.Ploeger match	Sonia White	David Brown
Chris Gruber	Christine Beckstrom	

Supporters (\$5 to \$24)

Laurel Paulson-Pierce	John Hennings	Loretta Kelley
Janette Ducan	Donna Tripp	Sallie Odom
Bruce & Char Bostrom	Edward & Carol Goller	Karin Arneson
Grace Andrews	Eric Isacson	Anja Miller

Balance Sheet

Income

Income from Activities

		Subtotals	Totals
NCS			
Insurance Reimbursments	611.25	611.25	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			
NG Leikkarring Dues	735.00		
NG Spelemanslag CDs	2,160.00		
NG Spelemanslag Music Books	80.00		
Performances	2,975.00		
Camp Norge Stevne Fees	5,270.00		
Camp Norge Teacher			
Training Fees	800.00	12,020.00	
Scandiadans			
Weekly Dances	3,003.00	3,003.00	
Nordic Footnotes			
Monthly Dances	1,435.13	1,435.13	
Total Income from Activities			<u>17,069.38</u>

Income from Contributions and Grants

NCS		1,300.00	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag		409.00	
Scandiadans		0.00	
Nordic Footnotes		0.00	
Total Income from Contributions and Grants			<u>1,709.00</u>

Interest Income

NCS		164.13	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag		39.26	
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance		0.12	
Scandiadans		7.04	
Nordic Footnotes		0.00	
Total Interest Income			<u>210.55</u>

Total Income

<u>Expenses</u>		Subtotals	Totals
Expenses for NCS			
Newsletter Printing	1,032.37		
Postage	570.70		
Hall Rental	0.00		
Fliers - printing	50.15		
Refreshments/food	0.00		
Insurance	586.25		
Dance and Music Teacher Fees	0.00		
Airfares	0.00		
Fees, Memberships, Supplies	25.00		
Total Expenses for NCS		2,214.32	
Expenses for Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			
Postage and Printing	432.15		
Rent	3,000.00		
Insurance	261.10		
Admin. & Miscellaneous	86.96		
Music and Dance Teacher Fee	200.00		
Supplies	333.66		
NG splmnslg CDs recording	2,967.03		
NG splmnslg CDs printing	1,832.67		
CA State Sales Tax	167.06		
Camp Norge Admin. & Misc.	227.81		
Camp Norge Rent	1,824.00		
Camp Norge Supplies	873.01		
Camp Norge Printing & Postage	0.00		
Camp Norge Teacher Airfare	1,431.77		
Camp Norge Teacher Fees	0.00		
Total Expenses for NGL og S		13,730.22	
Expenses for Scandiadans			
Rent	2,175.00		
Insurance	172.15		
Supplies	140.94		
Subscriptions	15.00		
Refreshments	104.57		
Musician Fees	90.00		
Facility Setup Fees	100.00		
Total Expenses for Scandiadans		2,797.66	
Expenses for Nordic Footnotes			
Rent	1,800.00		
Insurance	135.55		
Supplies	0.00		
Total Expenses for Nordic Footnotes		1,935.55	
Total Expenses			<u>20,677.75</u>
Net Income			<u>-1,688.82</u>
Beginning Balance			<u>36,209.27</u>
Beginning Balance + Net Income			<u>34,520.45</u>
Ending Balance			
NCS			<u>18,208.18</u>
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			<u>9,949.03</u>
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance			<u>1,161.69</u>
Scandiadans			<u>2,683.46</u>
Nordic Footnotes			<u>2,518.09</u>
Total Ending Balance			<u>34,520.45</u>