

Northern California Spelmanslag News

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal year 2005-2006

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 three member groups: Nordic Footnotes, Nordahl Grieg Leikarring (and Nordahl Grieg Spelmannslag), 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 Sixteenth 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 spelmannslag 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 members 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: 2005 -2006

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 Scandiadans, the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring. There is also dance teaching most months before the monthly dance in the South San Francisco Bay Area (Mountain View or San Jose).

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. As of May, 2006 this group has been suspended until further notice.

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemannslag hosted weekend workshops at the Sons of Norway Camp near Alta, California in November 2005 and April 2006.

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.

Financial Policies

All activities of the Northern California Spelmanslag are organized and provided by volunteer ser-

vices. 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 the regularly occurring 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, Scandiadans, and the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemannslag. Please note that only the income and expenses which fall in the fiscal year of 10/1/2005 -

9/30/2006 are reported.

NCS Member Group Activities 2005 - 2006

Abbreviations:

BL: Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring
 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 |

September 17, 2006

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Business Director's report

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Requesting Group</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| L—10/08/05 | Ting and Viking Feast | Henrik Ibsen Lodge | Henrik Ibsen Park, Woodside |
| B—12/xx/05 | Lutefisk Dinner | Sons of Norway, Nordahl Grieg Lodge | Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos |
| L—12/04/05 | International Dinner | Immanuel Lutheran Church | Immanuel Lutheran Ch, 14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga |
| L—12/16/05 | Greenbrae Management Retirement | | Embassy Suites Hotel, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael |
| L—12/17/05 | Christmas Lunch | Daughters of Norway | Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverly St, Palo Alto |
| B—12/xx/05 | Christmas Party | Sons of Norway, Nordahl Grieg Lodge | Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos |
| L—01/08/06 | Meeting | | Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland |
| L—S 01/14/06 | Nordic Feast | Heidi Schmidt | 2324 Eagle Ave, Alameda |
| L—01/29/06 | Entertainment | Norwegian Seaman's Church | Norwegian Seaman's Church, 2454 Hyde St, SF |
| L—03/11/06 | Snowshoe Thompson Tour | Friends of Snowshoe Thompson | Genoa Town Hall, 2289 Main Street, Genoa, Nevada |
| L—04/08/06 | Smorgasbord | Sons of Norway | 1201 Idylberry Road, San Rafael |
| L—04/22/06 | Spring Festival | UC Berkeley International house | 2299 Piedmont Ave, International House, UC Berkeley |
| L—04/28/06 | Heritage Social | Sons of Norway, Nordahl Grieg Lodge | Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos |
| L S B—05/06/06 | Norway Day | Norway Day Committee | Crystal Palace, Crissy Field, San Francisco |
| 05/07/06 | Norway Day | Norway Day Committee | Crystal Palace, Crissy Field, San Francisco |
| L—05/12/06 | Syttende Mai Festival | Snorre Lodge | Hill & Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B Street, Hayward |
| L—05/18/06 | Syttende Mai | Salem Lutheran Home | Salem Lutheran Home, 2361 East 29th St., Oakland |
| B—05/xx/06 | Syttende Mai | Sons of Norway, Nordahl Grieg Lodge | Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos |
| L S—06/04/06 | Midsummer Fest | Scandinavian Cultural Center of Santa Cruz | Scotts Valley Community Center, Scotts Valley |
| L—06/07/06 | Heritage Day | Sherman Oaks School | Sherman Oaks School, 1800 C Fruitdale Ave, San Jose |
| L—07/04/06 | 4th of July parade | Vigeland Lodge | Downtown Redwood City |

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| L—09/09/06 | 50th Anniversary of Fremont CelebrateFremont.org | Central Fremont Park, Fremont |
| L—09/10/06 | Tivoli Festival | Aldersley Retirement Home, 326 Mission Ave, San Rafael |
| L 09/10/06 | DofN lodge meeting | Daughters of Norway San Francisco |
| L 09/15/06 | Sveaborg meeting | Sveaborg, chapter of VASA Odd Fellows Lodge, 4349 Cowell Rd, Concord |

Summary of performances in the 2006 fiscal year:

NGL: 21, NGS: 3, NGB: 4 Total 28

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.

Donations**Sponsors (\$100 and up)**

Ann Tennis Carolyn Hunt Fred Bialy
James Little & Linda Persson

Patrons (\$25 to \$99)

Bank of America/K.Ploeger match Berit Leonard Margaret & Walker Fillius
Chris Gruber Christine Beckstrom David Brown Doug Peterson
Jeanne & Henry Sawyer John Hennings Kathy Ploeger & Don Meyers Keith Grant
Patty Haymond Roo Lester Tom Smithberger

Supporters (\$5 to \$24)

Brian West Carol Harrison and Don Tanner Donna Tripp Grace Andrews
Jean Chapin JoAnn Koppany Karin Arneson Mary Ellen Hasbrouck

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| Annual Financial Statement | | October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 | | |
| Income | | | | |
| Income from | Activities | | | Subtotals |
| NCS | | | | |
| | Insurance Reimbursements | \$548.05 | | |
| | Grannar wkshop/concert/dance 11/5/05 | \$666.00 | \$1214.05 | |
| Nordahl | Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag | | | |
| | NGLS Dues | \$915.00 | | |
| | NG Spelemanslag CDs | \$375.00 | | |
| | NG Spelemanslag Music books | \$200.00 | | |
| | NGLS T-shirts | \$148.00 | | |
| | Performances | \$2830.00 | | |
| | Camp Norge Stevne Fees | \$5825.00 | | |
| | Camp Norge Teacher Training Fees | \$9920.00 | | |
| | Returned check | \$167.06 | \$20380.06 | |
| Mid-Peninsula | Scandinavian Dance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Scandiadans | Weekly Dances | \$2871.00 | \$2871.00 | |
| Nordic Footnotes | Monthly Dances | \$2155.00 | \$2155.00 | |
| Total | Income from Activities | | | \$26620.11 |
| Income from | Contributions and Grants | | | |
| NCS | | | \$958.00 | |
| Nordahl | Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag | | \$469.20 | |
| Mid-Peninsula | Scandinavian Dance | | \$0.00 | |
| Scandiadans | | | \$0.00 | |
| Nordic Footnotes | | | \$0.00 | |
| Total | Income from Contributions and Grants | | | \$1427.20 |
| Interest | Income | | | |
| NCS | | | \$247.17 | |
| Nordahl | Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag | | \$130.00 | |
| Mid-Peninsula | Scandinavian Dance | | \$0.12 | |
| Scandiadans | | | \$6.65 | |
| Nordic Footnotes | | | \$0.00 | |
| Total | Interest Income | | | \$383.94 |
| Total | Income | | | \$28431.25 |
| Expenses | | | | Subtotals |
| NCS | | | | |
| | Newsletter Printing | \$1050.68 | | |
| | Postage | \$569.03 | | |
| | Hall Rental | \$175.00 | | |
| | Fliers - printing | \$0.00 | | |
| | Refreshments/Food | \$0.00 | | |
| | Insurance | \$553.05 | | |
| | Dance and Music Teacher Fees | \$491.00 | | |
| | Airfares | \$0.00 | | |
| | Filing Fees, Memberships, Supplies | \$45.00 | \$2883.76 | |

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| Expenses (Continued) | | | | |
| | Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag | | | |
| | Bank Charges | | \$20.00 | |
| | Rent | | \$3060.00 | |
| | Insurance | | \$378.30 | |
| | Admin & Misc | | \$41.00 | |
| | Music & Dance Teacher Fees | | \$100.00 | |
| | Supplies | | \$144.25 | |
| | NG Spelemanslag Printing | | \$262.54 | |
| | CA state sales tax | | \$63.00 | |
| | Camp Norge Rent | | \$2608.00 | |
| | Camp Norge Refreshments | | \$923.33 | |
| | Camp Norge Printing | | \$34.83 | |
| | Camp Norge Music & Dance Teacher Travel | | \$2969.01 | |
| | Camp Norge Music & Dance Teacher Fees | | \$100.00 | |
| | CN Teacher Training Refreshments | | \$646.40 | |
| | CN Teacher Training Rent | | \$2360.00 | |
| | CN Teacher Training Teacher Fees | | \$2000.00 | |
| | CN Teacher Training Teacher Travel | | \$1405.95 | \$17116.61 |
| | Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance Scandiadans | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Rent | | \$2250.00 | |
| | Insurance | | \$92.15 | |
| | Supplies | | \$18.40 | |
| | Nature Friends Donation | | \$250.00 | |
| | Refreshments | | \$53.00 | |
| | Caretaker Gift | | \$100.00 | |
| | Facility Setup Fees | | \$50.00 | \$2813.55 |
| | Nordic Footnotes | | | |
| | Rent | | \$1725.00 | |
| | Insurance | | \$111.55 | |
| | Supplies | | \$0.00 | \$1836.55 |
| Total Expenses | | | | \$24650.47 |
| Net Income | | | | \$3780.78 |
| Beginning Balance | | | | \$34520.45 |
| Beginning Balance + Net Income | | | | \$38301.23 |
| Ending Balance | | | | |
| | NCS | | | \$17743.64 |
| | Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag | | | \$13811.68 |
| | Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance | | | \$1161.81 |
| | Scandiadans | | | \$2747.56 |
| | Nordic Footnotes | | | \$2836.54 |
| Total Ending Balance | | | | \$38301.23 |