

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 Spelemanslag), 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 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 members are:

- Jeanne Sawyer, President,
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- Jim Little, Treasurer,
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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: 2006 -2007

During the 2006/2007 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* and the *Nordahl Grieg Leikarring*. There is also dance teaching most months before the *Nordic Footnotes* monthly dance in the South San Francisco Bay Area (Palo Alto or San Jose).

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemannslag hosted weekend workshops at the Sons of Norway Camp near Alta, California in November 2006 and March 2007.

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring continues to be a busy performing group with 28 appearances.

NCS has sponsored three weekend events this year. Two were music workshops plus concerts by visiting Scandinavian musicians. One was a dance workshop by a visiting Scandinavian dance teacher.

NCS has provided Scandiadans, Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemannslag, and Nordic Footnotes with non-profit status and insurance coverage. Through these regular activities, we have been successful in introducing newcomers to Scandinavian music and dance.

See the table of activities and performances in-

cluded 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 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 Spelemanslag. Please note that only the income and expenses which fall in the fiscal year of 10/1/2006 - 9/30/2007 are reported.

Organizational Affiliations

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 2005 - 2006

Abbreviations:

BL: Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring
 NGL: Nordahl Grieg Leikarring
 NGS: Nordahl Grieg Spelemanslag
 NF: Nordic Footnotes
 NCS: Northern California Spelmanslag
 SCD: Scandiadans

Donations

Total, \$ 845

Sponsors (\$100 and up)

Fred Bialy
 Ann Tennis
 Jim Little & Linda Persson
 Carolyn Hunt

Patrons (\$25 to \$99)

Sharon Mulgrew & Brian Umeki
 Jeanne & Henry Sawyer
 Marie Kay Hansen
 Keith Eric Grant
 Tom Smithberger
 Bank of America (K.Ploeger match)
 Kathy Ploeger & Don Myers
 Ken Seeman
 Tom Fischer

Supporters (\$5 to \$24)

Heather Steele
 John Hennings
 Suzanne Rocca-Butler
 Donna Tripp
 Karin Arneson
 Mary Hegge
 Bev Mann

Regular Events:

<u>Frequency:</u>	<u>Event type:</u>	<u>Sponsoring Group:</u>	<u>Location.</u>
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 Spelemanslag meetings	NGS;	Mountain View
Monthly;	Barneleikarring	NGL/BL;	Los Gatos
Monthly	1st. Saturday Dance Class/Party;	NF;	Palo Alto

Special Events

<u>Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Performer</u>	<u>Location</u>
NCS	10/28	Telespringar Workshop	Karin Brennesvik	Redwood City, CA
NGLS	11/ 3-5	Stevne	Karin Brennesvik	Camp Norge, Alta, CA
NCS	12/2	Music workshop/concert/dance	Dråm	San Jose, CA
NGLS	3/ 23-25	Stevne	Steinar Johansen	Camp Norge, Alta, CA
NCS	4/21-22	Music workshop/concert/dance	Mats, Ulf Andersson	Mountain View/Palo Alto, CA

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Group(s)	Date	Event	Requesting Group	Location
L	10/14/2006	80th Anniversary Celebration	Framat VASA Lodge, Berkeley	Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St, Berkeley, CA
L	10/21/2006	Entertainment	Sunrise Assisted Living	Sunrise Assisted Living, 1010 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA
L	10/22/2006	82nd Anniversary Celebration	Salem Lutheran Home	Salem Lutheran Home, 2361 East 29th St., Oakland, CA
B	12/2/2006	Lutfisk Dinner	Nordahl Grieg Lodge	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA
L	12/9/2006	Entertainment	Carlton Plaza	Carlton Plaza, 1000 E. 14th St., San Leandro, CA
L	1/19/2007	Business meeting	Vigeland Lodge	Highlands Community Club, 1665 Fernside, Redwood City, CA
B	1/21/2007	Heritage Dance Workshop (Troll Workshop)	Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA
L	1/28/2007	Entertainment	Norwegian Seaman's Church	Norwegian Seaman's Church, 2454 Hyde St., San Francisco, CA
S	2/9/2007	EleventyOne Birthday Party, part 1	Friends of the Thompsons	Masonic hall, 840 Church St, Mountain View, CA
S	2/10/2007	EleventyOne Birthday Party, part 2	Friends of the Thompsons	St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA
L	2/18/2007	Lodge 100th Anniversary	Normann's Forbundet	Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA
L	2/20/2007	Business meeting	Vigeland Lodge	Highlands Community Club, 1665 Fernside, Redwood City, CA
B	3/20/2007	Heritage Day Festival	Graystone Elementary School	Graystone Elementary School, 6982 Shearwater Dr, San Jose, CA
L	4/14/2007	Smorgasbord	Olav Lodge	Lucas Valley Home Owners Assoc. Center, 1201 Idylberry Rd, San Rafael, CA
L	4/21/2007	SpringFest	International House, UC Berkeley	International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave, UC Berkeley, CA
L	4/27/2007	Heritage Dinner	Nordahl Grieg Lodge	Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave, Los Gatos, CA
LSB	5/5/2007	Norway Day	Norway Day Committee	Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA
LSB	5/6/2007	Norway Day	Norway Day Committee	Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA
L	5/18/2007	Syttende Mai	Snorre Lodge (Sons of Norway)	Hill & Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B Street, Hayward, CA
L	6/2/2007	Entertainment	Vineyard Talent	Brookdale Lodge at Paulin Creek, 2375 Range Ave, Santa Rosa, CA
L	6/3/2007	100th Anniversary	Trinity Church	Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA
L	6/9/2007	Opening celebration	Ibsen Park	Henrik Ibsen Park, Woodside, CA
L	6/28/2007	Entertainment	The Atrium	The Atrium, 1009 Blossom River Way, San Jose, CA
L	9/9/2007	entertainment	Aldersley Retirement Home	Hendrick Hall, Aldersley Retirement Home, 326 Mission Ave, San Rafael, CA

Summary of performances in the 2007 fiscal year:

NGL	19
NGS	4
NGB	5
Total	28

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Annual Financial Statement		October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007	
Income			
Income from Activities		Subtotals	
NCS			
	Insurance Reimbursments	\$645.95	
	K. Brennesvik Telespringar wkshp/dance 10/28/06	\$1763.00	
	M.&U.Andersson Wkshp/concert/dance 4/21-2/07	\$1594.00	4002.95
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			
	NGLS Dues	\$975.00	
	NG Spelemanslag CDs	\$255.00	
	NG Spelemanslag Music books	\$130.00	
	Performances	\$3550.00	
	Camp Norge Stevne Fees	\$6765.00	
	Camp Norge Teacher Training Fees	\$0.00	
	Returned check	\$0.00	\$11675.00
	Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Scandiadans Weekly Dances	\$3021.00	\$3021.00
	Nordic Footnotes Monthly Dances	\$1906.00	\$1906.00
Total Income from Activities			\$20604.95
Income from Contributions and Grants			
NCS			\$845.00
	Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag		\$2,298.60
	Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance		\$0.00
	Scandiadans		\$0.00
	Nordic Footnotes		\$0.00
Total Income from Contributions and Grants			\$3143.60
Interest Income			
NCS			\$302.24
	Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag		\$240.66
	Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance		\$0.12
	Scandiadans		\$7.12
	Nordic Footnotes		\$0.00
Total Interest Income			\$550.14
Total Income			\$24298.69
Expenses		Subtotals	
NCS			
	Newsletter Printing	\$887.70	
	Postage	\$529.30	
	Hall Rental	\$875.00	
	Fliers - printing	\$0.00	
	Refreshments/Food	\$258.61	
	Insurance	\$620.95	
	Dance and Music Teacher Fees	\$1200.00	
	Airfares	\$1150.00	
	Filing Fees, Memberships, Supplies	\$50.00	\$5571.56

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Annual Financial Statement		October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007		
Expenses (Continued)				
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag				
	Bank Charges	\$10.00		
	Rent	\$3725.00		
	Insurance	\$391.64		
	Admin & Misc	\$156.16		
	Music & Dance Teacher Fees	\$0.00		
	Supplies	\$0.00		
	NG Spelemanslag Printing	\$124.87		
	CA state sales tax	\$23.00		
	Camp Norge Rent	\$1523.00		
	Camp Norge Refreshments	\$827.45		
	Camp Norge Reservation Deposit	\$100.00		
	Camp Norge Music & Dance Teacher Travel	\$2054.75		
	Camp Norge Music & Dance Teacher Fees	\$700.00		
	CN Teacher Training Refreshments	\$0.00		
	CN Teacher Training Rent	\$0.00		
	CN Teacher Training Teacher Fees	\$0.00		
	CN Teacher Training Teacher Travel	\$2231.91	\$11867.78	
	Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Scandiadans				
	Rent	\$2250.00		
	Insurance	\$137.33		
	Refreshments	\$75.55		
	Subscription	\$15.00	\$2477.88	
Nordic Footnotes				
	Rent	\$1725.00		
	Insurance	\$116.98		
	Supplies	\$0.00	\$1841.98	
Total Expenses				\$21759.20
Net Income				\$2539.49
Beginning Balance				\$38301.23
Beginning Balance + Net Income				\$40840.72
Ending Balance				
	NCS			\$17322.27
	Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			\$16158.16
	Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance			\$1161.93
	Scandiadans			\$3297.80
	Nordic Footnotes			\$2900.56
Total Ending Balance				\$40840.72