

Northern California Spelmanstag News

Promoting Scandinavian Folk Music and Dance

October 2008

Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne 20th Anniversary

**Zena Corcoran, Ginny Lee and
Mikkel Thompson**

Dances from Nordland and Hallingdal

Toby Weinberg, fiddle

Hardanger fiddle, and seljefløyte

Nancy Thym, harp and singing

October 31 – November 2, 2008
Alta, California

Twenty years ago, Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne was started to encourage people to learn the folk dances of Norway. Absolute beginner or experienced dancer—all were welcome. At the first weekend, local dance teachers Bob Hendrickson, Leif Syrstad and Mikkel Thompson taught turdans and gammeldans to a group mostly from the Traveling Dance Class and the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring. Doris Hendrickson, Gerd Syrstad, Florance Thompson, and other volunteers gave freely of their time, to help keep the cost at \$30! Over the years, we have broadened the repertoire with guest teachers from the USA and Norway, to include kon-

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1. Concert & Dance Party
2. House Concert
3. Fiddle (hardingfele?) Workshops

Lena Jonsson, Hälsingland, Sweden

Erlend Viken, Oppdal, Norway

November 15 and 16

Kensington, Palo Alto, Oakland, Mountain View

Scandinavian Concert & Dance Party

November 15, 2008

7:30 PM: Concert, 8:00--10:50: Dance Party
\$12

Oakland Nature Friends, 3115 Butters Dr., Oakland
Directions: Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd, east (up the hill)~ 1/2 mile, second right onto Butters Dr., go another 1/2 mile. On the right, look for post with 3115 on it (also "Scandiadans" sign). Take steep driveway down to a large parking area. Doors open at 7:00 PM.

Folk Music from Sweden and Norway House Concert

Sunday, November 16, 7:30 PM

Mountain View

\$15

Please RSVP to Fred Bialy, <bialy10@comcast.net>, or (510) 215-5974, to reserve a seat and get directions. Space is limited.

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Saturday, November 15

16 Eldridge Court, Kensington

Sunday, November 16

560 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto

10:00 AM--12:30 PM

2:00 PM--4:30 PM

\$15 / each half-day session

Participants can arrive at the workshop site a half hour early to get settled and their instruments tuned up for prompt start. A simple lunch of sandwiches and snacks will be provided at cost.

Workshops: Please RSVP to Marie Kay Hansen at <briza1@comcast.net> or (209) 836-5494, so we know how many participants to prepare for.

Lena Jonsson was brought up in the rich folk music traditions of Hälsingland, Sweden. She started playing fiddle at the age of 6, initially focusing on classical music, but soon switched her attention to Swedish traditional folk music. At an early age, she started playing with the local area's music group, Bollnäsbygdens Spelmanslag. When she was 11, she and her brother Staffan together with several local music friends started the music group LortbäckerZ. They spent their first several summers playing as street musicians. In high school, she started playing together with GUF, a group of 19 young musicians from Gävleborg through which she got to meet and be inspired by some of Sweden's best folk musicians. She went on to study at the music conservatory in Falun for one year, and is now studying folk music at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm. Lena has participated in numerous folk music projects and played with many talented musicians from throughout Europe. She has taught at many workshops including Scandia Camp Mendocino, 2005. More about Lena: <www.myspace.com/lenajonsson>.

Erlend Viken. Lena will be visiting the Bay Area together with her boyfriend Erlend Viken, a talented folk musician from Oppdal, Norway. Erlend just graduated from the Music Conservatory in Oslo and is particularly interested in the hardingfele traditions from Valdres. *He is available for lessons on hardingfele and may also teach regular fiddle during the workshops with Lena (knows a lot of springleik and pols). Erlend: <www.myspace.com/erlendviken>.

Southern California Skandia Festival 2008

November 27-30

**Johan Einar Bjerkem and
Torunn Hernes Bjerkem
Einar Olav Larsen and
Ingebjørg Larsen
Lena Jonsson
Toby Weinberg**

Cedar Glen Camp, California

Johan and Torunn will teach dance.

Torunn and Johan Einar Bjerkem have given many courses in Norwegian folk dance in general, and from the Trøndelag area in particular. They teach all over Europe and the US. They also train people who want to become instructors, or already are instructors and want to develop even further. Torunn has been the co-developer of the instructor's course for teaching children folkdance and theatre for Noregs Ungdomslag (www.ungdomslag.no), and has written the syllabus for the instructor's course for adults in Norwegian

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tradans, songdans, bygdedans, and swing, from all areas of Norway and all periods of history.

Zena Corcoran (Pacifica, CA) has been a member of Nordahl Grieg Leikarring for twenty years, as a performer, assistant teacher, and organizer. She has danced and performed Hallingspringar for as many years (almost).

Ginny Lee (Syracuse, NY) has danced and taught folk dance for most of her adult life, in the USA and other countries, including China and Taiwan. She has taught several children's groups, including the Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring, and currently works with Scandinavian folk dance groups in New York. A delightful musician, Ginny plays many instruments, including harpeliek, nyckelharpa, fele (fiddle), hardingfele, and seljefløyte.

Mikkel Thompson (Stockholm, Sweden) has performed and taught dance and music in the USA, Canada, Norway, and Sweden. Mikkel was the artistic director of the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring for 17 years and currently performs with dance and music performance groups Wermdö Durspelare, Vestafor, and Hjert-eDans.

Toby Weinberg (Syracuse, NY) is the founder and music director of the Boston Spelemannslag and the Finger Lakes Hardingfelelag in New York. He has competed on hardingfele (Hardanger fiddle) in Norway and has performed solo and with several Norwegian and American dance performance groups. Toby is an instructor in great demand throughout the USA.

Nancy Thym, originally from Auburn, CA, currently lives in Germany. She has sung professionally for most of her adult life, has played harp for over 30 years, and has taught harp and singing for over 20 years.

Dance music at the parties will be provided by musicians attending the workshop and by Vestafor, a dance and music trio specializing in Norwegian traditions.

Instruction available:

Toby: hardingfele, fiddle, seljefløyte.
Nancy: harp, singing

Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne

Friday: 6:00 - 8:00PM Registration & Potluck Dinner
8:00 - 11:00 Party

Saturday: 8:00 - 9:00 Registration & Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 Orientation Meeting
9:30 - 12:00 Dance and Music Instruction with Break
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 4:30 Dance & Music Instruction with break
5:00 - 6:00 Social Gathering
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner
8:00 - 11:00 Dance Party Dutch Flat Community Center

Sunday: 8:30 - 9:30 Breakfast
10:00 - 12:00 Dance & Music Instruction
12:00 Lunch, then music and dance review

The excellent food will be organized and prepared by Ginny Lee and Toby Weinberg. Voluntary help with meal preparation and cleanup helps keep our costs down. Please bring some cookies for Saturday lunch, or a snack for the Saturday social gathering.

Sleeping facilities are dormitory-type. Bring a drinking cup, sleeping bag, pillow, and towels. RV hookups and tent camping spaces are also available. Bunads, folkedrakt & other costumes are welcome but not by any means required or expected.

Registration must be postmarked by **October 25, 2008**.
\$ 100 per adult dancer or musician full payment
\$ 20 additional per adult after October 25
\$ 80 per non-participating adult or teenager
\$ 50 per child 5-12. Children under 5 are free.
Call Zena Corcoran for off-site accommodation.

Camp Norge is located near Alta, California. Alta is halfway between Auburn and Truckee on Interstate 80. The camp is approximately 1/4 mile from I-80.
Camp Norge Phone: (530) 389-2508.

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<Mikkel4dans@yahoo.com>,

Zena Corcoran, (650) 355-3752,

<ZMCorcoran@aol.com>,
1547 Valdez Way, Pacifica, CA 94044

Anne Huberman & Greg Goodhue, (408) 259-9959

The Stevne is sponsored by the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag.

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folk dance. Torunn and Johan have their own company called Bjerkem Natur og Kultur DA (www.bjerkem.com). Some of the dances that they will be teaching include: Innherredspols (perhaps a different view than we have seen before) and other dances from their area. They like to tailor their program as the weekend develops.

Johan Einar Bjerkem majored in Norwegian Literature on Fairy Tales in Trøndelag. He has also studied Norse philology, history, Nordic languages and literature, folk dance and pedagogy. He is on the Board of Riksscenen – The Norwegian Hub for Traditional Music and Dance, (www.riksscenen.no), and has been Leader of Noregs Ungdomslag (The Norwegian Society for Youths, www.ungdomslag.no). He is the director of Hilmarfestivalen—Mid-Norway's biggest folk music Festival (www.hilmarfestivalen.no)

Torunn Hernes Bjerkem, An all-round graduate from the universities in Oslo and Trondheim, and Norges Idrettshøgskole (Norwegian College of Sports), she is a pedagogue and instructor and is well-trained as a communicator.

Einar and Ingebjørg will teach music.

Einar Olav Larsen is a professional musician. He studied music at the Ole Bull Academy and the Grieg Academy. He has won the national prize in fiddle playing several times and has had numerous engagements in Trøndelag and other parts of the world. Einar Olav has been granted the State Art Scholarship for young newly-established artists. He plays both ordinary fiddle and Hardingfele. He is perhaps the best caretaker of the tradition after the great fiddler Hilmar Alexandersen.

Ingebjørg Larsen is Einar Olav's sister. She plays the fiddle with elegance and has great knowledge of the Trøndelag and Norwegian folk-music tradition.

Special Appearances:

Lena Jonsson is a live-wire young Swedish fiddler who delighted some of us at Scandia Camp Mendocino in 2005. She was just awarded Rikspellman and is touring the U.S. this Fall. She is an excellent teacher of Hälsingland and Darlana fiddle tunes.

Southern California, Julian

Toby Weinberg is a well known American musician who plays both flat fiddle and hardangar fiddle. He has worked with the Johan Einar and Torunn and is coming to Julian at their request.

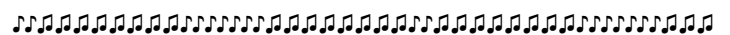
Cedar Glen Camp is located near the small town of Julian.

Dancers: \$295, Musicians: \$295. Make check payable to Southern California Skandia Festival (SCSF).

Send application and one SASE to:

Darlene Martin, 5140 Keynote St.,
Long Beach, CA 90808

Contact: Darlene, <darlar2@earthlink.net> or
<tedmart@juno.com>, or : (562)225-8299,
<<http://www.dancin-fool.com/scandia.html>>.



If you contribute annually, consider this your annual reminder.

The Northern California Spelmanslag (NCS) is a non-profit public benefit corporation which aims to promote Scandinavian music, dance and culture through special work-shops, regular meetings, concerts, and performances. We also publish the Northern California Spelmanslag News.

NCS Annual Report Published

The Northern California Spelmanslag's Annual Report, will be posted on the Spelmanslag webpage at:
<www.norcalspelmslag.org>

This report includes the organization's statement of purpose, a description of our member groups, a list of officers and how to contact them, the year's financial statement, and a list of the year's activities. The Northern California Spelmanslag was founded in 1990. This NCS Newsletter goes nationwide; the Spelmanslag itself serves primarily those in the San Francisco Bay Area and northern California who are interested in Scandinavian Music and Dance. This year's report will appear in October. or November.

Internet Dance Videos

By Tom Sears

Someone asked me where they could see “these dances” on the internet. Well, there are some websites and when I spent about 2 hours last year surveying them, I decided it took too long to separate the wheat from the chaff. Please give me a good reason to go back. The subject is worthwhile.

Learning theory and brain descriptions suggest that the original experience learning a dance with the music and rehearsing the moves is the most efficient way to learn a new dance--sort of a package deal. Afterward, listening to music can prompt the moves that were learnt and so can video. Video is also an aid to seeing something you may have missed the first time. Any of these methods refires the neurons and pathways prompted by the first experience. Visualization is good practice. If you have found websites that you use to view dances, please advise the NGLS of the websites and keywords that you found useful.

I started reading the Wikipedia entry for “folk dance” with good descriptions of basic similarities and contrasts between the Scandinavian “polska” and the accompanying styles of music. There are music and dance video references there. When I found the Swedish dances at <<http://www.acla.se/kultisdans/>>, I was impressed. Hoerkens Bygdedansare seems to have made their entire repertoire available on the internet. Kalle Strandel was the leader and we have seen Britt-Marie Westholm and Bengt Maard many times in California as polska and Swedish folkdance instructors.

I have watched some videos on the <www.TVfolk.net>, a site for Scandinavian music; however, I have been unable to access it recently.

Although Halling is listed on the Wikipedia site, it is noted as a “stub” and further description is invited to be input and there is a still picture of a hallingkast. There is no single site for Norwegian dances that I have yet found. A dance friend has noted some clips on Youtube: for example, <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmjXhyEYLD&feature=related>>. You can watch a pols danced by teenagers from Setesdal; that demonstrates pols is a party dance enjoyed over the whole of Norway. However, there are many jokes amongst the

Youtube clips including satires of Halling and so on, so I don’t recommend it for dance styling. Maybe I need more ideas on how to search by specific dance names as the springdans and springars seemed overwhelmingly bad on the whole. Scandlist sometimes recommends specific links, but I have yet to see how to search Scandlist notices for past postings of interest.

I recommend you keep coming to workshops and concerts where we hear the best music and see the best dance. If none is available, try an additional dance style for awhile; it will refresh your learning skills. Our goal is to become better dancers and better dance partners to increase the fun. See also Richard Powers and American Vintage dance at <<http://socialdance.stanford.edu>>.

Keep dancing, Tom

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Note: This newsletter is available on the web.

The calendar portion online is updated in between newsletters.

Address: <www.norcalspelmannslag.org>

Boulder Spring 2009 Scandinavian Dance Workshop Springleik

Tor Stallvik and Randi Stallvik,
Dance Teachers

Ivar Odnes and Øystein Rudi,
Fiddlers

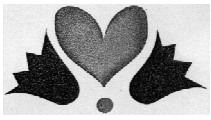
March 27- 29, 2009

Once again we have some truly excellent teachers and musicians, who are well known in the United States. The workshop runs from 7:00 on Friday through 4:30 on Sunday, followed by a pot-luck and dance Sunday night.

If you have enough time, plan on staying for our weekly Monday night dance. The teachers may still be here.

All events at the Avalon Ballroom

More details after the new year. Contact Sheila Morris, <spmorris@ecentral.com>.



Scandinavian Dance Parties in Oakland

Nature Friends Clubhouse

The next dance is November 15th. **Note: this is a third Saturday! And a special event. See page one.**

This year's dances: December 13th,
March 14th, and May 9th, 2009.

Usual Second Saturday schedule:

Dance teaching: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Dance with live music, 8:30 -11:00 pm

Musicians encouraged to play in the allspel!

Cost: \$7.00. For less than the price of a movie you can enjoy an evening of music and dance amongst new and old friends! Feel free to bring snacks.

Directions to 3115 Butters Dr., Oakland, CA, see "Scandiadans" column on this page.

Contact: Jane Tripi at (510)654-3636, <fjtripi@juno.com>, or Brooke Babcock (415)334-3455, <forbroke@juno.com>.

Scandiadans Thursdays, in Oakland

This class started its new season on September 4th with beginners teaching and open dancing. Frank and Jane are very encouraging and helpful teachers! They have been teaching this class for many years. Come regularly! Each week, one new dance is taught and old ones reviewed. The cost is \$3.00 per class. Thursdays, 7 - 10 pm.

Oakland Nature Friends Center,
3115 Butters Dr., Oakland, CA..

Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd, go east (up the hill) ~ 1/2 mile, second right onto Butters Dr., go another 1/2 mile. On the right, look for post with 3115 on it (also "Scandiadans" sign). Take driveway down to a large parking area.

Contact: Jane Tripi or Frank Tripi at (510)654 -3636, <fjtripi@juno.com>.

Halloween

FIFTH THURSDAY PARTY

October 30, 2008

NatterGHOUL

plays live music at
Scandiadans / ncs

Dancing starts at 7:30 p.m.
Bring treats not tricks, if you wish.

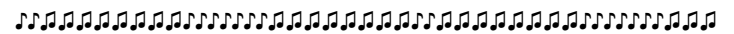
See you at:

THE NATURE FRIENDS:

3115 Butters Dr.

Oakland CA

(510) 654 3636



Scandinavian Dance Party Shingle Springs

Saturday December 6 2008

Live Music with Nattergal.
Couples & Singles Welcome.
Easy dances reviewed 7 - 8 PM
Dance Party 8 to 11 PM

Wolterbeek Dance Barn,
3100 Ponderosa Road, Shingle Springs.

From Sacramento, take Highway 50 to Ponderosa Road exit. Go left (North) on Ponderosa, and in about 2 miles look for a sign into Wolterbeek's parking lot. It's on your left just before the Sogno vineyard. Carpooling from Sacramento can be arranged.

Donation: \$8

Sponsored by El Dorado Scandinavian Dancers

Contact: Marida Martin, (530)672-2926,

<<http://www.folkdance.com/scandi/>>.

South Bay Monthly Dance "1st Saturday Dance" and Teaching Session

Next few dances: Nov. 1st., Dec. 6th, Jan 3rd.

Holiday Dance--Dec. 6th, in San Jose at Trinity Cathedral. No teaching session.

The teaching session is the hour before the dance party, from 7:30-8:30. Everyone is welcome! It's also an opportunity for teachers, experienced, and otherwise! All musicians are welcome to play in the allspel or have your own set. Talk to Jeanne to get a time slot.

Our regular place is in Palo Alto at the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Avenue. For more information:

Jeanne or Henry, (408)929-5602,
<jsawyer@SawyerPartnership.com>

Linda or Jim (650)323-2256,
<james.little@sri.com>

Sarah, (650)968-3126
<sarah.kirton@sbcglobal.net>

Sponsored by Nordic Footnotes, and Northern California Spelmanslag, non-profit organizations.

Scandinavian Dance Class Sacramento

Monday Evenings. The next session runs from October 27, 2008 through December 1, 2008.

Scandinavian Folk Dancing is taught in the Sacramento area in short courses of five to six sessions each.

Beginner dances and fundamentals: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Intermediate dances & review of beginner dances:
8:00 - 8:30pm

Request dancing: 8:30 - 9:30pm

Class is held under the auspices of the Arcade Creek Recreation & Park District, 916-482-8377, Brandi Marx, <bmarx@arcadecreekrecreation.com>. Cost is \$36.00 for six classes. On-line registration through the District at: <<http://www.arcadecreekrecreation.com/>>

Location: Class is held indoors at Hamilton Street Park Community Center: 4855 Hamilton Street, Sacramento, CA 95841. (916) 482-8377

Contact: Marida (916) 358-2807
<<http://www.folkdance.com/scandi/>>.

American Scandinavian Music and Dance Internet Sites

The Northern California Spelmanslag:
<www.norcalspelmanslag.org>

Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag
<<http://www.ngls.net/>>

Sacramento, California Area
<<http://www.folkdance.com/scandi/>>

Los Angeles area Scandinavian Dance & Music:
<<http://www.dancin-fool.com/scandia.html>>

Portland Scandinavian dancing, Norske Runddansere,
Oregon: <<http://www.norskerunddansere.org/>>

Seattle, The Skandia Folkdance Society
<www.skandia-folkdance.org/>

Vancouver B.C., Scandinavian Dancers of Vancouver
<<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/scandi/upcom.html>>

Austin Scandinavian Dancing.
<www.austinscandi.org>

Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag
<<http://nyckelharpalag.googlepages.com>>

Twin Cities Hardingfelelag
<<http://www.tchardingfelelag.org>>

Chicagoland Scandinavian Dance
<<http://members.aol.com/DancingRoo>>

Scandia D.C.
<<http://users.erols.com/s526>>

Speledans: Boston's Scandinavian Dance Group:
<<http://ecf-guest.mit.edu/~jc/Speledans.html>>

Scandia Camp Mendocino:
<www.ScandiaCampMendocino.org>

Nordic Fiddles & Feet
<<http://www.nordicfiddlesandfeet.org>>

The American Nyckelharpa Association:
<www.nyckelharpa.org>

The Hardangar Fiddle Association of America:
<www.hfaa.org>

Blue Rose, Karen Myers's Scandinavian WebSite:
<www.bluerose.KarenLMyers.org>

listserv, Scandinavian "Scand Digest":
<<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/scand/>>

Norsk, Ltd., Recorded music for both dancing and listening.
<<http://www.norsk.us>>

Calendar Regular Events — Northern California

Mondays	Weekly	Scandinavian Dance Class. Six week sessions. 7 - 9:30pm. Hamilton Street Park Community Center, Hamilton Street, Sacramento, CA 95841. Contact <u>Marida Martin</u> : (916)358-2807, or : < http://www.folkdance.com/scandi/ >.
Tuesdays	Weekly	Weekly Scandinavian Session for Fiddlers and Nyckleharpers. 8 - 10:30pm at home of <u>Fred Bialy</u> and <u>Toby Blomé</u> , 1925 Hudson Street, El Cerrito. Now on Tuesdays, most of the time. Contact ahead of time for updated schedule of gatherings or to be put on Fred's list . Contact: Fred or Toby, (510)215- 5974, < bialy10@comcast.net >.
Wednesday	Weekly	Nordahl Grieg Leikarring dance class and performance group. Everyone welcome. Masonic Hall, 980 Church St., Mountain View, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Contact: <u>Anne Huberman</u> or <u>Greg Goodhue</u> : (408)259-9959, < goodhue@hotmail.com >, or see < ngls.net >. .
Thursdays	Weekly	Scandiadans. Teaching and open dancing, 7 - 10 pm, at Oakland Nature Friends, 3115 Butters Dr., Oakland, CA. Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd, east (up the hill), second right onto Butters Dr., go about 1/2 mile. On the right, look for post with 3115 on it (also "Scandiadans" sign). Take driveway down to a large parking area. Contact: <u>Jane Tripi</u> or <u>Frank Tripi</u> at (510)654-3636, < fjtripi@juno.com >.
Fridays	Weekly	Scandinavian Fiddle Class. 7:30 - 9:30 pm, often at Anita Siegel's, but location varies. Ask to be on class email list. Contact: <u>Jeanne Sawyer</u> , (408)929-5602, < jsawyer@SawyerPartnership.com >.
1st, 3rd, 5th Mondays		Scandinavian Folk Dance Class. Santa Cruz, 7:30 pm, Viking Hall, 240 Plymouth (at Button), Santa Cruz. Instruction in Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, and Finnish folk dance by <u>Ellen Moilanen</u> . \$5/session. Everyone welcome. Contact: Ellen, (831)336 9972.
1st Fridays	Monthly	Cultural Evenings in Santa Cruz. Usually at Viking Hall, Plymouth, at Button St., Santa Cruz. Contact: <u>Michael Block</u> at (831)336-9972, or: < sigdalkid@pcumail.com >.
1st Saturdays	Monthly	Nordic Footnotes 1st Saturday Scandinavian Dance Party, 7:30 p.m. -12:00. The dance includes a teaching session just before the dance party, from 7:30-8:30. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto. From Hamilton Ave., hall is in bldg. to right on 2nd floor. Parking behind church, on street, or garage on Webster. Contact: <u>Jeanne</u> or <u>Henry</u> , (408)929-5602, < jsawyer@SawyerPartnership.com >; <u>Sarah Kirton</u> (650)968-3126, < sarah.kirton@sbcglobal.net >, <u>Jim Little</u> or <u>Linda Persson</u> , (650)323-2256, < james.little@sri.com >.
1st Sundays	Monthly	Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag, 3 to 5pm, 1780 Begen Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040. Interested attendees should call <u>Bill Likens</u> at (650)969-2080 to confirm meeting dates.

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- 2nd Saturdays Monthly Open Sessions for Fiddlers, at the home of Fred Bialy ~ 2 - 5 pm. This is a practice session for the Second Saturday Scandinavian Dance. We meet at the home of Fred Bialy, 1925 Hudson Street, El Cerrito. Contact: Fred: (510)215 - 5974, <bialy10@comcast.net>. Call a few days ahead to confirm date, time and place.
- 2nd Saturdays Monthly Scandia 2nd Saturday Monthly Dance. Nature Friends in Oakland. Cost: \$7. Musicians encouraged to play. Dance teaching: 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Dancing, 8:30 - 11 pm. Directions see Scandiadans above. Contact: Jane Tripi or Frank Tripi at (510)654-3636, <fjtripi@juno.com>.
- 2nd Sundays Monthly Traveling Dance Class. Norwegian dance class meets 2 - 5 pm. Usually at Bjørnson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland. Everyone welcome to attend. Contact: Gudrun Tollefson at (510)638-6454, or Gerd Syrstad at (650)363-2743.
- 2nd Sundays Monthly Barneleikkingar. (Children's Norwegian Dance) classes, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, at Nordahl Hall, 580 W. Parr Ave., Los Gatos. Both location and day may change, so call ahead! Contact: Ginny Hansen (408)745-1595.

Calendar, Special Events — Northern California

October 25th **Fred and Toby's 5th Wedding Anniversary** Dance Party. 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm. 52 Arlington Ave, Kensington. RSVP: Fred, <bialy10@comcast.net>, or Toby, <ratherbenyckeling@comcast.net>

October 31 – November 2, **Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne** 20th Anniversary, Alta, California, Zena Corcoran, Ginny Lee, and Mikkel Thompson, dances from Nordland and Hallingdal. Toby Weinberg, fiddle, hardanger fiddle, and seljefløyte. Nancy Thym, harp and singing. Contact: Mikkel Thompson, <Mikkel4dans@yahoo.com>, Zena Corcoran, (650) 355-3752, <ZMCcorcoran@aol.com>, 1547 Valdez Way, Pacifica, CA 94044
Anne Huberman & Greg Goodhue, (408) 259-9959

November 15 and 16. A. Concert & Dance Party. B. Folk Music from Sweden and Norway House Concert. C. Fiddle (hardingfele?) Workshops. **Lena Jonsson, Hälsingland**, Sweden. **Erlend Viken, Oppdal**, Norway. Kensington, Palo Alto, Oakland, and Mountain View.
House Concert: RSVP to Fred Bialy, <bialy10@comcast.net>, or (510) 215-5974. Space is limited.
Workshops: RSVP to Marie Kay Hansen at <brizal@comcast.net> or (209) 836-5494.

December 6 **Scandinavian Dance Party**, Shingle Springs. Live Music with Nattergal.
Dance review 7 - 8 PM, Dance Party 8 to 11 PM. Wolterbeek Dance Barn, 3100 Ponderosa Road, Shingle Springs.
Contact: Marida Martin, (530)672-2926, <http://www.folkdance.com/scandi/>

February 13—15, 2009 Scandia Festival. Petaluma, CA. Slängpolska from Eastern Sweden (Östsvensk). Dance teachers **Björn Fredriksson** and **Ingegerd Vejvi**, Småland. Fiddle teachers **Pelle Björnlert** and **Anders Svensson**. Contacts: Brooke Babcock, (415) 334-3455, <forbrooke@juno.com>, Nobi Kurotori, (510) 441-8296, <nobi@juno.com>, Jane Tripi and Frank Tripi, (510), 654-3636, <fjtripi@juno.com>, Mark Wegner and Mary Korn, (510) 527-9209, <wegorn@sbcglobal.net>



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Keep your calendar open for Scandia Camp Mendocino in June.

Calendar, Special Events — Scandinavia

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<www.norcalspelmanslag.org> Have a look, or ask one of us with a computer to print it out for you.

Calendar, Special Events — United States

October 24-26 **Fall Swedish Dance & Music Weekend**, Paul Dahlin & Family Tradition Bearers of Dalarna (Sweden), Fiddle Music; Members of the American Swedish Institute Spelmanslag; Roo Lester & Larry Harding, Gammaldans & Polska Variations; Becky Weis, Nyckleharpa; Char Bostrom, Fiddle; Special Guests from Sweden: Lena Jonsson and Staffan Jonsson, Fiddle. Contact: <<http://www.folklorevillage.org>>

Monday, 11/24/08 **Telespringar Workshop**, taught by Karin Brennesvik. Portland, OR. Karin is in Portland from Norway for the Revels performances. The workshop will be for 2hrs, probably starting at 7:30 pm. Donations are suggested to reimburse the instructor
Contact: <<http://www.norskerunddansere.org/>>, Jerry Newgard or Veronika Newgard, 503-636-7509, <vj_newgard@yahoo.com>, Jim Tonder or Yonnie Tonder, 360-695-0473, <jimtonder@comcast.net>.

Nov 27-30, **Southern California Skandia Festival**. Johan Einar Bjerkem, Torunn Hernes Bjerkem, Einar Olav Larsen, Ingebjørg Larsen, Lena Jonsson, Toby Weinberg.
Contact: Darlene Martin, 5140 Keynote St., Long Beach, CA 90808, <darlar2@earthlink.net> or <tedmart@juno.com>, or Darlene: (562)225-8299, <<http://www.dancin-fool.com/scandia.html>>

Jan 16 – 18, 2009 **Hallingspringar workshop**. St. Louis, Missouri. The springar dance from Hallingdal, Norway will be taught by Roo Lester and Larry Harding with Hardanger fiddler Loretta Kelley.
Contact: <<http://www.hfaa.org>>, Rex and Nancy, <couture3@primary.net>, or (314) 275-8228.

Jan 24 – 25, 2009 **Hardanger fiddle workshop with Hauk Buen**. Eastern Massachusetts. The Boston Spelmanslag sponsors a workshop with Hauk Buen for Hardanger fiddle players. Contact: <<http://www.hfaa.org>>, Toby, <tobyweinberg@hotmail.com>, or (315) 481-4353.

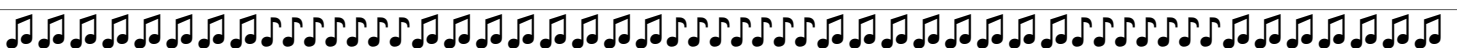
Jan 29 -- Feb 1, 2009 **Norwegian Ski/Dance Weekend**. Trollhaugen Lodge, Easton, Washington. Cross country skiing and dancing in the Cascade Mountains presented by Leikarring of Leif Erikson Lodge #1, Sons of Norway. Contact: <<http://www.hfaa.org>>, Nancy Morrison, (206) 362-8947 or, <weedsRus1@aol.com>.

Jan 30 -- Feb 1, 2009 **13th Annual Scandinavian Ski/Dance Weekend**. Fairlee, Vermont. Hardanger fiddle and dance learning sessions with guests from Telemark, Norway, fiddler Hauk Buen and dance teacher Karin Brennesvik. Swedish fiddle (and nyckelharpa) jams led by Stefhan Ohlström. Norwegian music for dance parties provided by Hauk Buen, Toby Weinberg (Telemark) and Karin Code (Valdres and Hallingdal); Swedish music provided by Stefhan. Cross country and downhill skiing, ice skating and snow-shoeing. Contact: <<http://www.hfaa.org>>, Tom, <tom@nordic-home.com> or Toby, <tobyweinberg@hotmail.com>, (315) 481-4353.

March 27- 29, 2009, **Boulder Spring 2009 Scandinavian Dance Workshop**. Springleik. Dance Teachers: Tor Stallvik and Randi Stallvik. Fiddlers: Ivar Odnes and Øystein Rudi. The workshop runs from 7:00 on Friday through 4:30 on Sunday, followed by a pot-luck and dance Sunday night. If you have enough time, plan on staying for our weekly Monday night dance. The teachers may still be here.. Contact: Sheila <spmorris@ecentral.com>

April 17-20, 2009 **Springdans NW**. Hälsingland Dances. Seabeck, Seattle area. Dance instructors : Margareta Virtanen and Leif Virtanen. Fiddlers Bengt Jonsson, and Hanna Tibell.
Contact: <<http://www.skandia-folkdance.org>>.

June 12, 13, 2009 **10th Annual Nisswa-stämman**, Minnesota. . Nisswa-stämman is a gathering of fiddlers, nyckelharpers, hardingfele players, accordionists, guitarists, vocalists, dancers, and general aficionados of Scandinavian folk music here in the "new world". -Contact: <<http://www.nisswastamman.org>>



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