

FOOTNOTES

Portland Country Dance Community

May/June 1990

SPECIAL EVENTS

Had enough of April showers? Then come out and bloom at PCDC's **First Friday Dance**, May 4. Ted Remillard will provide the green thumb, while Island pours down all the energy you can handle. 8 PM at Multnomah Art Center.

The PCDC **English Country Dance**, Saturday, May 5, presents the annual **Spring Ball**. This gala evening features live music by the elegant **NewTonians**, calling by several of Portland's finest, plus festive attire by *you*. And don't forget your contribution to the *hors d'oeuvres* potluck! 7:30 PM at Fulton Community Center.

Hesitant to attend your first English Dance Ball? If it's your dancing *savoir-faire* that has you worried, then first visit the **Afternoon English Dance Workshop**, also Saturday, May 5. (But if it's the *hors d'oeuvres* that are making you nervous, you're on your own.) 1-4 PM at FCC.

The new **Second Tuesday Contradance Series** continues on May 8. Paul McCullough will call, George Penk & Heather Pinney will play, and the Teamsters will provide the hall. If you can do contra corners without being taught, then this dance is for you. 7:30 PM at 1020 NE 3rd.

Beginning musicians, lay down your inhibitions, pick up your instruments, and come to the **2nd Wednesday Beginner Music Session**, May 9. Easier to get into than Julliard, and lots more fun! 6:30 PM at 5746 North Haight Avenue.

Collaborating once again, those two purveyors of great dance experiences—PCDC and I-5—present the **Second Saturday Dance**, featuring Seattle's Luther Black, Laurie Andres, and Armin Barnett. Joining them will be our own Clyde Curley. May 12, 8 PM at MAC.

I-5 will be doing double duty that day, carrying the **Skandia Folk Musician's Guild** to town for Norske Runddansere's **Spring Dance & Workshop**. The latter runs from 12:30 to 5 PM and the former from 8 to 11 PM, with a potluck in between. Appropriate costumes are encouraged. For details call Jim & Yonnie (206/695-0473) or Irene (503/636-4017). At the Norse Hall, NE 11th & Couch.

Occasional Productions continues its Great Concerts by Fantastic Bands with Odd Names series, welcoming Figgy Duff to the Old Church, Wednesday, May 16. Call Jim (503/283-2688) for an explanation. 8 PM.

And then Occasional Productions brings always-popular singer/songwriter Linda Allen to town on Saturday, May 19. 8 PM at OC.

With all these beginning musician workshops, we're soon going to be needing more dance callers. Hence the new monthly **Callers' Workshop**, this month scheduled for Sunday, May 20. Call Paul (503/244-9066) for location, time, and encouragement.

The **Vancouver Country Dance** has been put on hold for a while. In the meantime, hungry musicians can still gather at Bill's for a **Barbecue and Jam**, Sunday, May 20. Call 206/695-4361 for the details.

Keeping one step ahead of the callers, the beginning musicians continue their new **4th Wednesday Beginner Music Session** on May 23. If we're wearing down your defenses here, call Sue (503/293-1446).

Moggie's **Fourth Saturday Contradance** in May is cancelled—everybody will be in Seattle at the **Something Annual Northwest Folklife Festival**. Even if you can only make part of the weekend, it's still well worth the trip. (Parking tip: the usual hassles will be exacerbated by this year's Goodwill Games. So consider taking mass transit from an offsite parking location—like maybe Tacoma.)

Can't make it up to Seattle? Then wait a few days and it will come to you. The PCDC **First Friday Dance**, June 1, will feature Warren Argo and the **Wild Rose String Band**. These are some of the people who first brought country dancing to the Northwest, and they're still among its finest practitioners. 8 PM at MAC.

PCDC's **Annual General Membership Meeting** will be held during the break at the June 1 dance. This is your chance to choose the people who'll be spending your money for the next two years. And remember: if you're not there, you can't decline being nominated.

On Saturday, June 2 you can be cool and elegant at the PCDC **English Country Dance**. Irene Young & Molly Libby will guide your perambulations to the dulcet doodlings of the **NewTonians**. 7:30 PM at FCC.

Or you can go for clammy and unrestrained at this month's **Coastal Country Dance**. The **Green Country Dance Band** and Joseph Stevenson will keep you afloat near Astoria, at the Netel Grange (4.9 miles south of Miles Crossing on Lewis & Clark Road, next door to Logan Road Chapel). 8 PM.

Leave your picket signs at home, but come join the line anyway at the Teamsters' Hall, Tuesday, June 5, for the **Second Tuesday Contradance**. The callers and musicians unions haven't yet chosen their negotiators, but your arbitration is invited. 7:30 PM.

Occasional Productions strikes again, this time with a **House Concert** on Wednesday, June 6. Master of fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and National Steel slide guitar, **Catfish John Tisdell** will perform country music and Delta blues. *Reservations required.* Call Jim (503/283-2688) for location. 7 PM.

This year's Scottish & English dance extravaganza, the **Heather & Rose Suttle Lake Dance Camp**, happens June 8-10. The staff includes **Diane Johns** and **Ron Wallace** to tell your feet what to do, with **Heather Pinney**, **George Penk & Bo Leyden** to provide the motivation. Fueling all this will be dance camp star **Annie Johnston**. For details call Glenda (503/482-9858).

Those staying home June 9 can look forward to the **PCDC Second Saturday Dance**. New England and Puget Sound come together with **Dina Blade's** singing and calling, **Bob McQuillen's** piano whomping, **Andrea Hoag's** tasteful resourcefulness, and **Frank Blade's** doing everything else. 8 PM at MAC.



Photo courtesy Jim Howe

George Penk and Clyde Curley lead a workshop for beginning musicians. Call Jim (503/283-2688) for details. Second Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. 5746 North Haight Avenue.

Synopsis of regular dances

Unless stated, all dances are open to everyone—experienced or not, with or without partners, and feature live music. All dances are taught and children are admitted without charge. At any PCDC dance where sit-in musicians are encouraged to play, they will be admitted free.

PCDC First Friday Dance. This contra dance at MAC showcases local and regional callers and dance bands. Cost is \$4.00 for seniors and PCDC members, others \$5.00. If you'd like to call or book a band for this dance, please contact PCDC. Musicians are encouraged to sit in with the hired band, but will not be miked. A beginners' workshop is held at 7:30.

PCDC First Saturday English Country Dance. English Country dance

is a source of modern square and contra dance style. This dance is held at FCC. For more information, contact Kate, 727-9607. Cost \$3.00.

Second Saturday Contra Dance, the longest continuously running contra dance in the state is held at MAC. This dance is similar to the first Friday dance, maintaining the tradition. A beginners' workshop is held at 7:30. Cost is \$4.00 for seniors and PCDC members, others \$5.00.

Second Tuesday Contra Dance Series is a dance series for seasoned dancers organized by Paul McCullough at Teamsters' Hall, 1020 NE 3rd. 7:30 - 10:30. Cost is \$4.50.

Portland Ceili Society Dance is "a gathering of friends" with lively Irish

music, frequently played by world famous musicians. Very aerobic dancing and a full bar are only a few of the notable features of this Third Friday of the month dance, held at Portland Police Athletic Association. Cost \$5.

Third Saturday Contra Dance is a dance series organized by Paul McCullough at FCC, which is just off Barbur Blvd. The dances tend towards the challenging side, and a workshop is available at 7:30 for beginners. Cost is \$4.50.

Fourth Saturday Contra Dance is another independent dance series, organized by Moggy Vanderkin. It is held at FCC starting at 8 pm, and has a workshop for beginners starting at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$4.50.

Portland Country Dance Locations

The acronyms used for representing dance locations listed in the calendar are explained below:

EAT	East Avenue Tavern	727 E. Burnside
ECHO	Echo Theater	1515 SE 37th
FAS	French American School	1849 SW 58th (Sylvan)
FCC	Fulton Community Center	68 SW Miles (off Barbur, Traffic light just east of Terwilliger)
HS	Hough School	1900 Daniels, Vancouver, WA.
MAC	Multnomah Art Center	7688 SW Capitol Hwy. (corner of 31st)
MLB	Melody Lane Ballroom	615 SE Alder
MRC	Marshall Recreation Center	1009 E. McLoughlin, Vancouver, WA
OC	The Old Church	1422 SW 11th
NWSC	Northwest Service Center	1819 NW Everett

CALENDAR • MAY / JUNE '90

Note: most dances offer a beginners' workshop half an hour before the listed time.

May

4th (Fr) PCDC First Friday Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Caller: Ted Remillard. Music: Island.

5th (Sa) English Country Dance Workshop. 1-4 pm at FCC. See *Special Events*.

5th (Sa) PCDC English Country Dance Spring Ball. 7:30 pm at FCC. Music: the NewTonians. *Hors d'oeuvres potluck.* See *Special Events*.

8th (Tu) Second Tuesday Contradance Series. 7:30 pm at Teamsters' Hall (1020 NE 3rd). Caller: Paul McCullough. Music: George Penk & Heather Pinney.

9th (We) Beginner Music Session. 6:30 pm at 5746 North Haight Avenue. Leaders: George Penk and/or Clyde Curley. Call Jim (503/283-2688) for details.

12th (Sa) PCDC Second Saturday Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Caller: Luther Black. Music: Armin Barnett, Laurie Andres, Clyde Curley.

12th (Sa) Norske Runddansere Spring Dance & Workshop. See *Special Events*.

16th (We) Figgy Duff. 8 pm at OC. See *Special Events*.

18th (Fr) Portland Ceili Society Dance. 8:30 pm at PPAA.

19th (Sa) Third Saturday Contradance. 8 pm at FCC. Caller: Paul McCullough. Music: Crow's Feet (Andrea Hoag, Frank Blade, Julie King).

19th (Sa) Linda Allen. 8 pm at OC. See *Special Events*.

20th (Su) Callers' Workshop. Call Paul (503/244-9066) for location and time.

20th (Su) Vancouver Barbecue with Jam. Call Bill (206/695-4361) for details.

23rd (We) Beginner Music Session. 6:30 pm. Call Sue (503/293-1446) for location and other details.

25th-28th (Fr-Mo) Northwest Folklife Festival. All day and lots of the night, at Seattle Center.

26th (Sa) Fourth Saturday Contradance. *Superseded by the Northwest Folklife Festival.*

June

1st (Fr) PCDC First Friday Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Caller: Warren Argo. Music: Wild Rose String Band. *General membership meeting and election of officers during the break.*

2nd (Sa) PCDC English Country Dance. 7:30 pm at FCC. Callers: Irene Young & Molly Libby. Music: the NewTonians.

2nd (Sa) Coastal Country Dance. 8 pm at Netel Grange. See *Special Events*.

5th (Tu) Second Tuesday Contradance Series. 7:30 pm at Teamsters' Hall (1020 NE 3rd). Caller: TBA. Music: TBA.

6th (We) PCDC Board Meeting. 6:30 pm at Dave's.

6th (We) Catfish John Tisdell house concert. 7 pm. Call Jim (503/283-2688) for reservations. See *Special Events*.

8th-10th (Fr-Su) Heather & Rose Suttle Lake Dance Camp. See *Special Events*.

9th (Sa) PCDC Second Saturday Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Caller: Dina Blade. Music: Bob McQuillen, Andrea Hoag, Frank Blade.

13th (We) Beginner Music Session. 6:30 pm at 5746 North Haight Avenue. Leaders: George Penk and/or Clyde Curley. Call Jim (503/283-2688) for details.

15th (Fr) Portland Ceili Society Dance. 8:30 pm at PPAA.

16th (Sa) Third Saturday Contradance. 8 pm at FCC. Caller: Bridgett Edwards. Music: Heather Pinney & George Penk.

?th (?) Callers' Workshop. Held at approximately this time of month. Call Paul (503/244-9066) for details.

23rd (Sa) Fourth Saturday Contradance. 8 pm at FCC. Caller: Moggy Vanderkin. Music: Twisted Shamrock.

27th (We) Beginner Music Session. 6:30 pm. Call Sue (503/293-1446) for location and other details.

July

6th (Fr) PCDC First Friday Dance. 8 pm at MAC. Caller: TBA. Music: TBA.

7th (Sa) PCDC English Country Dance. Off for the summer.



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This newsletter, *Footnotes*, is published every other month. If you have a dance announcement for the newsletter, please contact the newsletter committee, or send it to PCDC, PO Box 14636, Portland, 97214. Give a concise description of your event, including featured band and callers, date, time, place, cost, and phone number for further info. The information provided here is as accurate as we can make it, and changes or cancellations may not be reflected in this calendar. We encourage submission of letters and articles of interest to the community. Letters and articles become the property of *Footnotes* on publication and may be edited. The **DEADLINE** for the May/June calendar is June 15th.

Portland Country Dance Community is a consortium of dancers, musicians and callers

promoting country dance and music traditions through regular dances, workshops and other events. Everyone is welcome. Our interests include American, English, Celtic, Scandinavian and related traditions, expressed through live performance and participation. With this newsletter, we hope to exchange information and share concerns about traditional music and dance. We publish the newsletter every other month and distribute it to members of PCDC and other folk organizations in the Pacific Northwest. Membership is \$10.00 a year (\$8.00 for seniors), which provides a \$1.00 discount at our regular dances and subscription to the newsletter. Donations in excess of \$10 per year are tax deductible. Correspondence may be sent to PCDC, PO Box 14636, Portland, OR 97214. We are an educational non-profit corporation and also a center of the Country Dance and Song Society, a national organization whose address is 17 New South Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

The PCDC board is an elected body of volunteers from the community. Meetings are held once a month, and community members are

always welcome. Help, ideas and feedback from the community, in whatever form, is necessary to make PCDC events happen. Your contributions of time and support are appreciated. Call any board member for further info. The PCDC board comprises:

Emily Cohen	246-5518
Allen Cook	628-2946
Dave Goldman	224-8811
Deborah Holland	236-0652
Molly Libby	281-7936
George Penk	244-4057
Anne Reif	239-4813
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Chair: Molly

Secretary: Richard

Treasurer: Emily

Booking: Deborah

Newsletter: Dave, Terri

Membership: Bob Nisbet (274-1086)

PCDC March/April Board Minutes. The CDSS Benefit Dance provided \$598 for CDSS. The Ski-Dance weekend turned a profit, helping to bring PCDC's coffers back from empty. There will be a special workshop the afternoon preceding the English Spring Ball on May 5. Warner Grange will be reserved for the Dusk 'til Done Dance. We will renew our usual contribution to Oregon Public Broadcasting. Annual membership meeting and elections will be held at the June 1 dance; nominees were discussed, and will be contacted. Michele has taken on the new job of coordinating door people for PCDC's dances, which will streamline our meetings and also provide for more participation by non-Board members. Given our improved meeting efficiency, we will change from monthly to bimonthly board meetings; there will not be a May meeting.

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