

Footnotes

Portland Country Dance Community · November-December 2007

November is for Contra Lovers

By Meg Green

CERN has postponed the inaugural run of its Large Hadron Collider, originally scheduled for November of 2007, until the spring. What does this mean to you? No mini black holes (which have only a *minuscule* chance of devouring the entire earth in 7 minutes) will be created this month. Celebrate! And what better way to celebrate than to dance? In addition to our regular Saturday dances, PCDC is sponsoring two special Wednesday dances during November, and of course Joyride will be holding its first Wednesday dance too *(see article below)* which means that you can go contra dancing seven times in the month of November with absolutely *no* fear of being sucked into the void. Wow!

On Wednesday November 14th, the dynamic Wild Asparagus returns to Portland for a dance at the Oaks Park Pavilion (400 SE Spokane St. in Sellwood). Wild Asparagus' core of Ann Percival, David Cantieni, Becky Tracy and caller George Marshall brings inspired energy to dancers all over the country. George also provides excellent instruction and calling for their New England style contras. Lesson at 7 PM, dance from 7:30-10:30. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 PCDC members, \$12 students/seniors.

On Wednesday November 28th, Celticladda comes to Fulton, with Adina Gordon as caller. About her energy as a caller Adina writes, "I teach dances clearly and quickly, maximizing dance time. As the conduit between the music and the dancers' feet, my goal is to get you dancing and get out of the way." Celticladda is Randy Miller's contra dance band, with Tom Hodgson on guitar and Eric Anderson on piano. Randy has extensive fiddling background and his playing combines sounds from his adopted state of New Hampshire with Irish and Cape Breton Celtic styles to produce his unique "New Hamptic" music. Tom hails from New York and got an early start in traditional music with David Kaynor and family in Massachusetts. Eric says he does only one thing well and that is playing piano for contra dances, an endeavor that he has pursued from North Carolina to all over the Pacific Northwest. Now, with Celticladda, Eric's powerfully sympathetic piano playing can be heard in eastern parts as well. Lesson at 7 PM, dancing from 7:30-10:30.

[Meg is a member of the Contra Committee. She is not a physicist, so please do not ask her about squarks.]

Dance On, Friends

By Eric Weberg

The Joyride first Wednesday contra dance series got off to a great start in October. The series continues on Nov. 7th with calling by Susan Petrick of Reno, Nevada. Susan called for us last year and is our first return performer to the series. She's a warm, friendly sweetheart of a caller with all the skills she has gained from calling on the national circuit for years.

Then on December 5th we charge things up a bit. David Kaynor of Montague, Massachusetts will join the band on his blazing fiddle while Erik Weberg takes hold of the caller's microphone. It's a combination that will warm up any December evening.

Dances are held on first Wednesdays at the Polish Library Association Hall at 3832 N. Interstate Ave. in Portland, from 7:30-10 PM. For more information see http://www.kluberg.com/ Joyride.html or call 503-246-2219.

Go Back to the Future on New Year's Eve

By Meg Green

Dig up those poodle skirts and bobby socks, find a white t-shirt and straight-leg Levis – there's going to be a Sock Hop at the Multnomah Arts Center on New Year's Eve! Just as we all start thinking about the future and what is to come in the new year, we have a neat-o chance to step back into the past. Reminiscing with us will be Mary Devlin and Calico, followed by Eric Weberg and Cascade Crossing. As always, there will be a come-one come-all dessert potluck to maintain our hoppin' energy levels, so don't forget to bring your most luscious concoction to share. Lesson for beginners at 7:30, dancing from 8 PM until after midnight. If you have retro inspiration galore, please lend a hand with decoration and set-up. To volunteer, contact: volunteer@portlandcountrydance.org.

Date: Monday, December 31st Where: 7688 SW Capitol Highway Time: 8 PM to past midnight

Cost: \$12/general; \$10/members; \$8/students, seniors

Music Workshops Offered

Submitted by Kim Appleberry

On Saturday Dec.1st, Randy Miller of Celticladda and his bandmates will be giving two separate music workshops. Randy has been designated a Master Teacher of Contra Dance Music by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, so if you are interested in improving your musical skills, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Randy's workshop will be for fiddle or other melody instruments and a second workshop for backup instruments will be given by Tom Hodgson (guitar) and Eric Anderson (piano). The workshops will run from 1 to 3 PM and will cost \$20 (\$10 for PCDC members). Pre-registration is required; contact Kim Appleberry at apple5 @ spiritone.com or 503-293-1248. Check the PCDC website for last minute details: www.portlandcountrydance.org.



Please Join Us for the 2007-2008 Family Dances!

Saturday, November 10th Saturday, January 12th Saturday, February 9th Saturday, March 8th

Caroline Oakley
Sherry Nevins
Heidi Vorst and Sussefusse
TBA

- Live calling and music for all ages of kids and their grownups.
- Potluck after the dance; please bring plates & utensils.
- Cost is \$6/adults, \$5/children, babies free, \$20 family cap.
- Location: Fulton Community Center

For more information call 503-981-2179 or 503-249-5070.

PCDC Finances Look Solid

By Rick Kimball

PCDC's fiscal year ended on May 31, 2007, so it is time for the treasurer's annual report to the membership. You might remember that last fiscal year (which ended May 31, 2006) PCDC was in the red \$899.13, which means we lost money. If you don't remember that, it could be because I failed to write an article for Footnotes. Well this year we finished in the black by \$6,226.09. That is a \$7,125 swing in the right direction. Way to go everybody! Before we get to the details, how about a little background?

Last fiscal year PCDC had a money market account, certificate of deposit, and three checking accounts. The fiscal functions of PCDC could not happen without the help of the following individuals and I want to thank them for their efforts. Janene Benfield managed the main checking account that is used for contra and family dance activity and general PCDC expenses. This year Janene has stepped down and Ed Lohr has taken on this role. Karsten Kelly manages the Northwest Passage Dance Camp checking account. Mike Lassner managed the English country dance checking account that is used for the weekly English dances and the English Ball. This year Mike has stepped down and Dave Macemon has taken on this role. The revenue and expenses that run through the three

checking accounts are combined as PCDC's fiscal year proceeds and the PCDC Board reviews the combined financial statement on a quarterly basis.

At the end of this fiscal year PCDC remained on a strong financial footing with current assets of \$44,983.13, and current/long term liabilities of \$16,425.69. This leaves a total equity of \$28,557.44.

The following data provides an overview of PCDC's profitable year. Remember, a large part of that dance expense total stays right here in the Northwest, supporting musicians, callers and venues.

Total Dance Income	\$ 77,219.07
Total Dance Expenses	\$-74,983.37
Membership Income	\$ 5,096.00
Footnotes Expense	\$ -1,533.81
Donations and Interest	\$ 2,297.47
Operating Expenses	\$ -1,869.27
TotalIncome	\$ 84,612.54
Total Expenses	\$-78,386.45
Year's Profit	\$ 6,226.09

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Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by G. Tim Gojio

July 23, 2007. Present: K. Appleberry, D. Blanchard, R. Kimball, J. Wiser, I. Zifcak. Jody recorded the minutes.

Contra Committee update from Kim. • John will not be able to do sound for Megaband next year, but Warren Argo & Alan Roberts will. • The 2nd annual Oregon Dance Fair, scheduled for the last weekend of September will be expanded from last year, with 55 workshops at 4 halls. A contra with Mary Devlin calling is scheduled for Sunday. • PCDC has joined the Portland Dance Consortium. • And finally, the Contra Committee will begin creating a framework for the Urban Dance Weekend Committee using the NW Passage Committee as a model. The Contra Committee was authorized to move to contract level with Hotpoint, Norse Hall and a caller.

English Committee update from Isabelle. • PCDC's Urban Dance Camp will be the same weekend as the Cascadia English Country Dance Weekend in Seattle. • A motion was passed to approve Dave Macemon as the new treasurer for the English Dance Committee and to add him as a signatory on the bank account.

Rick reported that PCDC looks strong financially and shows a profit of approximately \$7000 for the past year.

David reported that he and Sue Songer have been working with the N.W. Folk Alliance in Vancouver on the possibility of holding a contra at their November 2-4 event.

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing fans for the Fulton Community Center. This has been under discussion for years, but now that Parks & Rec. seems more committed to Fulton, it might be time for us to make that commitment. Downdraft fans as at Norse Hall may be more effective than extraction fans. The board would appreciate input from a heating/cooling engineer.

August 20, 2007. Present: K. Appleberry, D. Blanchard, G. Quast, J. Wiser, I. Zifcak. Jody recorded the minutes.

Contra Committee update from Kim. • Expenditure of \$70 each for 2 musicians and a caller and \$125 for sound for the Oregon Dance Fair (9/28-30) was authorized. • Woody Lane will lead a callers' workshop on 9/29. • The board reviewed the Contra Committee's promotion fund and confirmed that additional cost for the Halloween dance can come out of the \$500 in the budget for contra promotion. • The Portland Rain Dance is the working title of PCDC's Urban Dance Camp to be held the first weekend of May at Norse Hall. We have a commitment from Hotpoint as our featured band and are working towards getting Susan Kevra as caller.

English Committee update from Isabelle. • The ball is set for 11/2-4; mailers have been sent out. Isabelle related the usual concerns regarding the Oaks Park venue. The English Committee discussed renting risers for the stage but concluded they would be too expensive. • A PCDC-English country dance business checking account has been opened at Washington Mutual.

Gerhardt reported that he will continue talking with Waltz Eclectic about the possibility of special joint events such as were held in the past.

The 2007 NW Folk Alliance conference will be held 11/2-4 in Vancouver, WA. PCDC will assist if the NWFA wants to hold a contra dance but will not be an official participant in the conference.

September 17, 2007. Present: K. Appleberry, D. Blanchard, T. Gojio, G. Quast, J. Wiser, I. Zifcak.

Contra committee update. • Kim reported on upcoming special dances, including the Wild Asparagus dance scheduled for 11/14 at Oaks Park as well as the New Year's Eve dance scheduled for 12/31. • He also reported that attendance over the summer was better than typical for summer and that this may be due to the expenditures from the contra innovation fund. The board approved an additional \$500 for the fund.

Isabelle reported on the upcoming English Ball scheduled for 11/3 at Oaks Park.

The board reviewed and approved the financial reports for the 2006-07 fiscal year which ended 5/31/07. The statements indicated that net income was \$6,266 for the fiscal year as compared to a negative balance of \$899 for the prior fiscal year.

Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for: 10/29, 12/3 and 1/14/08.

FAR-West Conference Dance

Submitted by Marni Rachmiel

There will be a contra dance at the FAR-West Regional Folk Alliance conference in the Vancouver, WA Hilton on Friday, Nov. 2nd from 9:30-11:30 PM. Jamie Laval & Ashley Broder will be playing with William Watson calling. Admission for not just the dance but the whole evening at the conference, including showcases before and after, is only \$5. More information on the conference can be found at: www.far-west.org/conference.html

Music Workshops

Learn to play contra dance music!

Dan Compton and/or George Penk will instruct.

11/1 or 12/6 from 7-9 PM in SW Portland; \$5

Call 503-244-7307 for details & directions.

PCDC Finances

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PCDC manages the Dean Kenty Memorial Fund which currently contains \$8599.74 (This amount is technically considered to be a long term liability.) The Portland Megaband put on another great performance this year and \$1,246.43 was donated to the Dean Kenty Fund by attendees of that dance. The fund is available to PCDC members in the form of scholarships to help offset the cost of dance camps, music camps/workshops and callers' workshops. For more information about applying for a scholarship, contact one of your PCDC board members.

If you have any questions about PCDC's financial picture, feel free to contact me. Meanwhile, the world is run by those who show up, so get involved in PCDC and make an impact.

[Rick Kimball is the PCDC Treasurer]

CALENDAR • November-December 2007

 $www. Portland Country Dance. org \bullet www. kluberg. com/folknews. html$

Note: Unless otherwise noted all contra dances begin at 7:30 PM with a 30 minute teaching session, and end at 11 PM. All English country dances begin at 7:30 and end at 10:30 PM.

Nov	/					
1st	Nov	Waltz Eclectic: waltzing to CD music every Thurs. 7:30-10 PM at FCC; \$4; beginners' lesson 1st Thursdays				
2nd	Fri	Pre-Ball English Country Dance at FCC at 7:30; admission \$8	Caller: Cynthia Stenger	Music: Erik Weberg, Lori Shaffer, Maralyn Belgique, Dave Goldman		
3rd	Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Rich Goss	Music: UnLeashed w/ Sarah Goss		
3rd	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Gordy Euler	Music: OpporTunists		
5th	Mon	Norske Runddansere: Scandinavian dancing to CD music every Monday 7-10 PM at FML; lesson at 7:30; \$3				
7th	Wed	Joyride First Wed. Contra at PH; 7:30-10	Caller: Susan Petrick	Music: Joyride		
9th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Lori Shaffer, Lanny Martin, Dave Goldman		
10th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Susan Petrick	Music: OpporTunists		
10th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Woody Lane	Music: Tonn Nua		
13th	Tues	Special Corvallis Contra at FUMC	Caller: George Marshall	Music: Wild Asparagus		
14th	Wed	Special PCDC Contra at OP; 7:30-10:30	Caller: George Marshall	Music: Wild Asparagus		
15th	Thur	Special Eugene Contra at CCS	Caller: George Marshall	Music: Wild Asparagus		
16th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Dave Macemon	Music: Hal Day, Fred Nussbaum, TBA		
17th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Mike Richardson	Music: Jigsaw		
17th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FUMC	Caller: Stacy Rose	Music: Hands4		
18th	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Brunch at NH; 12-2PM; CD dancing w/ Denis Myers; \$7 includes refreshments				
23rd	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Stevens	Music: Erik Weberg, Fred Nussbaum, Carl Thor		
24th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: William Watson	Music: Gordy Euler, Lori Shaffer, Jim Bell		
24th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: 4 Novice Callers!	Music: Linda Danielson & Chico Schwall		
28th	Wed	Special PCDC Contra at FCC; 7:30-10:30	Caller: Adina Gordon	Music: Celticladda		
30th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Devlin	Music: George Penk , Karen Silverman,		

Dec	;			
1st	Sat	Cats & Dogs Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: David Kaynor	Music: Calico
1st	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FirstCC	Caller: Adina Gordon	Music: Celticladda
5th	Wed	Joyride 1st Wed. Contra Dance at PH	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: Joyride w/ David Kaynor
7th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Open mike w/ Elinor Preston	Music: Open band w/ Fred Nussbaum & Rick Piel
8th	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Elinor Preston	Music: The Nettles
8th	Sat	Eugene Contra Dance at CCS	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: The Penks & Lindsays
14th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Nan Evans	Music: Fred Nussbaum, Maralyn Belgique, Carl Thor
15th	Sat	Third Saturday Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Susie Kendig	Music: Pied-a-Terre
15th	Sat	Corvallis Contra Dance at FUMC	Caller: Erik Weberg	Music: The Nettles
21st	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Cynthia Stenger	Music: Gordy Euler, Lori Shaffer, Fred Nussbaum, Dave Goldman
22nd	Sat	PCDC Contra Dance at FCC	Caller: Susan Kendig	Music: TBA
23rd	Sun	Waltz Eclectic Holiday Dance	Check website for details: www.waltzeclectic.org	
28th	Fri	PCDC English Country Dance at BWT	Caller: Mary Stevens	Music: Erik Weberg, Lanny Martin, Marjorie Milner
29th	Sat	PCDC Fifth Saturday Contra at FCC	Caller: Open mike	Music: Open band
31st	Mon	PCDC New Year's Eve Contra at MAC	Callers: Mary Devlin, Erik Weberg	Music: Calico, Cascade Crossing

Heather Pinney

Dance Locations

BWT Burlingame Water Tower Dance Hall, SW 17th and Marigold (between Spring Garden and Taylor's Ferry Roads)—*no* street shoes permitted on the dance floor First United Methodist Church, Community Hall, 1166 NW Jackson Ave, Corvallis **FUMC CCS** Cesar Chavez School, W. 14th Ave & Chambers St., Eugene Friendship Masonic Lodge, 5626 NE Alameda St, Portland **FML FCC** Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles (off Barbur, traffic light just east of Terwilliger)—must wear shoes in this venue First Congregational Church (Gatton Hall), 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis **FirstCC KOC** Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 Shipping NE, Salem MAC Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway, Portland NH Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th & Couch, Portland (1 block north of Burnside)

OP Oaks Park Pavilion, 400 SE Spokane St., (in Sellwood) Portland Polish Hall, 3832 N. Interstate Ave, Portland

PPAA Portland Police Athletic Association, 618 SE Alder St.

PSU Smith Ballroom at Portland State University, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland

Regular Portland Dances

Unless otherwise stated, all dances are open to everyone — experienced or not, with or without partners— and feature live music. All dances are taught. PCDC encourages sit-in musicians (unmiked) at regular PCDC dances at the discretion of the hired

band and caller.

Regular PCDC dances cost \$9/ \$7/\$6 for non-members/members/seniors & students.

PCDC Friday English Country Dance Series. Every Friday at BWT, 7:30 to 10:30 PM. Tea and cookies at the break!

The first Friday of each month is an open mike dance for callers and open band for those who would like to play (bring a folding chair and a music stand). Contact Paula Hamlin, 503-691-1758, for more information.

Cats & Dogs First Saturday Contra Dance. The UnLeashed! and Calico bands alternate months with guest callers. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' workshop at 7:30. \$8/ \$6 students & seniors.

PCDC Second Saturday Family Dance (Oct-Apr) fun dancing for kids and families. FCC, 5 to 7 PM, with potluck following.

PCDC Second Saturday Contra Dance, the longest continuously running contra dance in the state. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

Portland Ceili Society Third
Friday 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 dance, held at

PPAA. Cost \$10.

Portland Waltz Eclectic. Waltz Brunch, 3rd Sunday of the month, Norse Hall. Lesson 10:30 -11:15 AM, open dancing until 2 PM. **Also:** Weekly waltz, swing, latin, and other partner dance practice, Thursdays, 7:30-10 PM, Fulton Community Center, 68 SW Miles. Both dance locations in Portland.

Third Saturday Contra Dance is organized by Jigsaw. FCC, 8 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30. \$8/\$6 students.

PCDC Fourth Saturday Contra Dance. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

PCDC Fifth Saturday Contra Dance is an open-mike session for callers and musicians. FCC, 8-11 PM, beginners' lesson at 7:30.

Joyride First Wednesday Contra Dance is organized by the band Joyride with guest callers. Polish Hall, 7:30-10 PM. \$7/\$6 students w/ i.d.

Cascade Zydeco Wednesday Dance. PPAA, 8-10 PM dancing to recorded music, lesson at 7:15. \$3.

Get weekly updates about dances in the Portland area by e-mail.

Norske Runddansere Monday Scandinavian Dance. Friendship Masonic Lodge, 7-10 PM, ongoing lesson 7:30-8:30 PM, \$3. Website: www.norskerunddansere.org

Out of Town Dances

Astoria Old-Time Country Dance, at NG, 8 PM. For more info contact Dave (503-325-3602, ambrose@seasurf.com) for more info.

Bend 2nd Saturday Contra Dance, October through May at Highland School Kenwood Gym. For more info contact Kate (katebeardsley@hotmail.com, 541-330-8943).

Corvallis 1st & 3rd Saturday Dances. FirstCC or GBC, 8 PM. (Bring non-street shoes.) For more information, contact William at williamcallscontras@gmail.com

Eugene 2nd & 4th Saturday Dances, CCS, 8 PM. Beginners' instruction at 7:30. For more info contact Jacque (541-302-2628, jaklas@efn.org).

Hood River 2nd Saturday Dances, RG, 8 PM. For more info contact Keith (541-352-7550).

Scandia of Salem's 4th Friday Dance, KOC, 8 PM. For more info contact Sharon (503-364-6713, sharonmooree@attbi.com).

E-mail Erik Weberg < kluberg@kluberg.com > and ask to be put on the list.

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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 editor, or send it to PCDC, PO Box 2189, Portland, 97208-2189. 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, but late changes and/or cancellations may not be reflected. We encourage submission of letters and articles that might be of interest to the community. Letters and articles become the property of Footnotes on publication and may be edited. The **DEADLINE** for submissions for the next issue is the 5th of the previous month

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 to other folk organizations. Membership is \$15 a year for individuals, \$12 for students and seniors (65+), or \$25 for households. Membership provides a \$2 discount at all regular PCDC dances, and a subscription to the newsletter. Donations in excess of membership fees are tax deductible. Correspondence may be sent to PCDC. PO Box 2189. Portland. OR 97208-2189. We are an educational nonprofit corporation and also a Center of the Country Dance and Song Society, a national organization whose address is 132 Main St./ PO Box 338, Haydenville, MA 01039-0338.

The PCDC board is an elected body of volunteers from the community. Meetings are held approximately every six weeks. Community members are welcome to attend. 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.

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