

Northern California Spelmanslag News

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal year 2002-2003

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 four member groups: the Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance Group, Nordahl Grieg Leikarring (and Nordahl Grieg Spelemannslag), Nordic Footnotes, 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 thirteenth 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 directors are:

- Jeanne Sawyer, President,
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- Jim Little, Treasurer,
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- Frank Tripi, Secretary,
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- Tom Sears, Director,
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- Jane Tripi, Director,
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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: 2001 -2002

During the 2002/2003 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 Mid Peninsula Scandinavian Dancers, Scandiadans, and the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring, and 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.

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemanslag hosted weekend workshops at the Sons of Norway Camp near Alta, California in November 2001 and April 2002. The Barneleikarring associated with the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring hosted a Family Dance weekend at Camp Norge, Alta, California, in January 2002.

NCS have also provided performances of Scandinavian folk music and dance for other Scandinavian organizations and for the general public (see the table of activities and performances included in this report). The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring continues to be a busy performing group with over 20 appearances.

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 regular 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, Mid-Peninsula Dancers, Scandiadans, and the Nordahl Grieg Leikarring and Spelemanslag. Please note that only the income and expenses which fall in the fiscal year of 10/1/2002 - 9/30/2003 are reported.

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, and the American Scandinavian Foundation, the American Nyckelharpa Association, and the American Hardingfele Association.

NCS Member Group Activities 2002 - 2003

Abbreviations:

BL: Nordahl Grieg Barneleikarring
 MPSD: Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dancers
 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 with Fred; NCS; El Cerrito.
 Weekly; performing group meetings/rehearsals; NGL; Mountain View.
 Weekly (with a summer break); Dance class & open dancing; SCD; Oakland;
 Biweekly (with a summer break); Dance class & open dancing; MPSD; Atherton;
 Weekly; Fiddle class/jamming; NF, (with MPSD on alternate Fridays); Atherton/Mountain View area.
 Monthly; Traveling dance class (for beginning dancers); NGL; Oakland.
 Monthly; Barneleikarring (children's dance group); NGL/BL; Los Gatos.
 1st. Saturday of each month; Dance party; NF; Palo Alto and environs.

Performances and 1-time events:

Date; Event; Requesting Group; Location; Performing Group(s).
 10/25/02; Henrik Ibsen Lodge Meeting; Henrik Ibsen Lodge ; Masonic Temple,San Francisco, NGL
 10/31/02; 5th Thursday with guest fiddler; ;Oakland; SCD.
 12/07/02; Dance Performance; SWEA Julmarknad; SWEA; San Francisco; MPSD, NCS
 12/07/02; Lutefisk Dinner; Nordahl Grieg Lodge; Nordahl Hall, Los Gatos; BL;
 01/08/03; Federated Women's Club Meeting; Federated Women's Club of Los Altos; Michaels Restaurant, Mtn. View; NGL
 01/10/03; Nordahl Grieg Installation of Officers; Nordahl Grieg Lodge; Nordahl Hall, Los Gatos; NGL, NGS
 01/18/03; Camp Norge Stevne; ;Alta, CA; BL
 01/19/03; Camp Norge Stevne; ;Alta, CA; BL
 01/20/03; Camp Norge Stevne; ;Alta, CA; BL
 01/23/03; Finnish Tango Workshop with Scandinavian teachers; ; Oakland; SCD
 01/30/03; 5th Thursday with guest fiddler; ; Oakland; SCD
 03/29/03; event; Paradise Valley Estates; Paradise Valley Estates, Fairfield; BL;
 04/19/03; Special Kids Day; Lions Club; Castle Rock Park, Walnut Creek; BL;
 04/27/03; Nordahl Grieg Lodge Open House; Nordahl Grieg Lodge; Nordahl Grieg Lodge, San Jose; NGL;
 04/19/03; Bo Larsson/Cajsa Ekstav Workshop Weekend; ;Palo Alto; NCS
 04/20/03; Bo Larsson/Cajsa Ekstav Workshop Weekend; ;Palo Alto; NCS
 04/20/03; Bo Larsson/Cajsa Ekstav Concert; ;Los Altos; NCS
 05/03/03; Norway Day Festival; Norway Day Festival; Glass Palace, Crissy Fields, San Francisco; NGL, BL, NGS;
 05/04/03; Norway Day Festival; Norway Day Festival; Glass Palace, Crissy Fields, San Francisco; NGL, BL, NGS;
 05/16/03; Syttende Mai Celebration; Svea Lodge; Odd Fellows Hall, San Jose; NGL, NGS
 05/17/03; Syttende Mai Celebration; Salem Lutheran Home; Oakland; NGL
 05/29/03; 5th Thursday with guest fiddler; Oakland; SCD.
 05/31/03; Midsummer Fest; Scandinavian Cultural Center; Messiah Lutheran Church, Santa Cruz; NGL;
 06/07/03; Henrik Ibsen Park Opening; Henrik Ibsen Park; Henrik Ibsen Park, Woodside; NGL
 06/08/03; Reception for departing minister; Unitarian Church; Unitarian Church, Palo Alto; NGS
 06/12/03; Potluck, dance teachers and musicians from Norway and Sweden; Oakland; SCD
 06/21/03; Midsummer Fest; Svea Lodge; Odd Fellows Hall, San Jose; NGL
 06/21/03; Solvang Dancers; Solvang ; Solvang; BL;
 07/21-27/03; Amerikapplik; Amerikappleik; Northfield, Minnesota; NGL, NGS
 07/26/03; Monthly meeting; Svea Lodge; Sveadal (near Morgan Hill); NGL
 09/07/03; Reception for new minister; Unitarian Church; Charleston Rd., Palo Alto; NGS
 09/12/03; Potluck; ; Oakland; SCD
 09/21/03; Cultural Day; Bjornson Hall; MacArthur Blvd, Oakland; NGL;

09/26/03;	Instead of Turlock;	Instead of Turlock;	3100 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs;	NGL
09/27/03;	Instead of Turlock;	Instead of Turlock;	3100 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs;	NGL
09/28/03;	Instead of Turlock;	Instead of Turlock;	3100 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs;	NGL

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Income

Income from Activities		Subtotals	
NCS			
Bo Larsen/Cajsa Ekstav workshop	\$1457.00		
NCS tape sales	\$20.00	\$1477.00	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			
NG Leikkarring Dues	\$830.00		
Barnleikkarring Fundraiser	\$726.00		
NG Spelemanslag Music Books & CDs	\$235.00		
NG Leikarring T shirt sales	\$211.00		
Performances	\$2935.00		
Camp Norge Registration Fees	\$4574.00		
Camp Norge hall deposit refund	\$220.00		
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$9731.00	
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance			
Bi-Weekly Dances	\$883.00	\$883.00	
Scandiadans			
Weekly Dances	\$2522.56	\$2522.56	
Nordic Footnotes			
Monthly Dances	\$1513.15	\$1513.15	
Total Income from Activities			\$16126.71
Income from Contributions and Grants			
NCS	\$1258.00		
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag	\$0.00		
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance	\$0.00		
Scandiadans	\$0.00		
Nordic Footnotes	\$0.00		
Total Income from Contributions and Grants			\$1258.00
Interest Income			
NCS	\$205.37		
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag	\$0.00		
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance	\$0.13		
Scandiadans	\$4.60		
Nordic Footnotes	\$0.00		
Total Interest Income			\$210.10
Total Income			\$17594.81

Expenses

	Subtotals
NCS	
Newsletter Printing	\$860.42
Postage	\$409.93
Hall Rentqal	\$125.00
Fliers - printing	13.25

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Expenses (cont.)

Dance and Music Teacher Fees	\$600.00		
Airfares	\$725.00		
"Filing Fees, Memberships, Supplies"	\$55.50	\$2789.10	
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			
Travel Advances & Reimbursements	\$2650.00		
Postage and Printing	\$1360.59		
Rent	\$2695.00		
Insurance	\$276.25		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$76.00		
Camp Norge Hall Deposit	\$200.00		
Camp Norge Rent	\$2937.00		
Camp Norge Supplies	\$866.38		
Camp Norge Printing & Postage	\$124.54		
Camp Norge Music & Dance Teacher Airfare	\$430.00		
Camp Norge Music & Dance Teacher Fees	\$1260.00	\$12875.76	
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance			
Rent	\$900.00		
Insurance	\$60.00		
Printing	\$18.41	\$978.41	
Scandiadans			
Rent	\$2000.00		
Insurance	\$104.75		
Folk Dance Federation Dues	\$22.50		
Subscriptions	\$15.00		
Refreshments	\$175.47		
Finnish Workshop	\$100.00		
Facility Setup Fees	\$200.00	\$2617.72	
Nordic Footnotes			
Rent	\$1575.00		
Insurance	\$56.25		
Supplies	\$42.12	\$1673.37	
Total Expenses			\$20934.36
Net Income			-\$3339.55
Beginning Balance			\$38293.16
Beginning Balance + Net Income			\$34953.61
Ending Balance			
NCS			\$17889.44
Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring og Spelemanslag			\$11063.91
Mid-Peninsula Scandinavian Dance			\$1281.95
Scandiadans			\$1955.31
Nordic Footnotes			\$2763.00
Total Ending Balance			\$34953.61

Sponsors (\$100 and up)

Fred Bialy
Jim Little & Linda Persson
Ann Tennis

Patrons (\$25 to \$99)

Mary Allsopp
Karin Arneson
Lis Carter
Ned Dairiki
Claire & David Elliker-Vågsberg
Liberty Elyash
Margaret & Walker Fillius
Edward & Carol Goller
Anne Gliden Grace
Keith Grant
Linda Guerrero
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Kristina Hammond
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