

Scout Hall
 177 E. Blithedale Ave.
 Mill Valley, CA 94941

Entry: \$7 - members **\$5**
 (first time free)

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Kopachka Folk Dancers

(Richard Paoli on accordion ^ & Mark)

Teaching

Friday Folk Dancing at Scout Hall

November

4 7:30-10:30pm
 All Requests **NO teaching**

11 7:30pm Beg. teaching
 8pm Inter-Adv. teaching
 Marina, Andy & Nadav

18 7:30pm Beg. teaching
 8pm Inter-Adv. teaching
 Marina, Andy & Nadav

25 >> **NO DANCING**
 >> **KOLO FESTIVAL in SF**

December

2 >> 7pm **POT LUCK** <<
 (Doors open at 6:30pm)
 8pm Dancing
 All Requests **NO teaching**

9 7:30pm Beg. teaching
 8pm Inter-Adv. teaching
 Toni, Susie & Jerry

16 7:30pm Beg. Teaching
 8pm Inter-Adv. teaching
 Toni & Susie

23 Dancing? (tbd) -
 check by email or the Blast

6 January 2012
 Return to dance

SCHEDULE

7:30-8:00pm
 Beginning-Inter. Teaching
8:00-8:30pm
 Intermediate-Adv. Teaching
8:30-10:30pm
 Dance program
 followed by refreshments

1st Friday of the month
 7:30pm-10:30pm
 All Requests-**NO Teaching**



From the President's Corner

The beginning of the holiday season started on October 28th with Kopachka's Fall Dance Party *'Hardly Strictly Balkan'* with the International Folk Band **Chubritza!** Before Halloween is when we start the holiday season these days, right? All joking aside, the 72 dancers, live band, tasty goodies and a bit of pumpkin décor, made for a festive evening of dancing, singing and nibbling.



All who came know the joy the six **Chubritza** musicians (**Craig, Janet, Kroy, Linnea, Meadow & Rick**) brought us. They traveled all the way from Arcata, 5 hours north, to perform. Thanks go in particular to **Linnea Mandell** who worked with **Nadav Nur** to make it happen, and to **Emma Charlebois**, a former Kopachka dancer who housed the band in Sebastopol.

Coming up in a week is the **New Dancers Festival** on **November 6th** in Petaluma (free) and on **November 12th** is the Federation's **Officers' Ball** in Livermore. Then, over Thanksgiving weekend is the **60th Annual Kolo Festival** on **Friday & Saturday, November 25-26** at City College of San Francisco. (see details on p. 2)

Mark Your Calendars: **December 2nd** is our own **Pot Luck** at Scout Hall at **7pm** followed by an **All Request Night** at **8pm**.

Kopachka has seen record attendance the first 2 months of the year, which makes for lively dancing every Friday. We've also had new dancers walk in every week, thanks to **Marilyn Wronsky's** work at publicity and to members who have been spreading the word. Adding all the teachers to the mix has really made it a success: **Jerry Duke, Nadav Nur, Andy Toplarski, Marina Troost**, myself; and the programming team: **Gloria, Marilyn, Jerry, Jane & Frank**.

A new Kopachka postcard made its debut at our fall dance party which **Andy Toplarski** created with **Toni Denmark's** donated art of her well-worn opanci. We'll be giving it out at other venues to promote our club. (see p. 2)

When I was in **San Miguel de Allende** in the center of Mexico this summer, I ate at a great new restaurant, **Café Rama**, run by a Canadian ex-pat. Painted on the wooden dance floor was an appropriate phrase dear to his heart. I captured it on camera and thought I'd share it with everyone, as in some way it embodies the feeling I have dancing, at Kopachka and beyond. And your thoughts?



See you on the dance floor,
Susie Shoaf
 President, Kopachka Folk Dancers

Club News

Welcome to our new members this fall: **Jill Aggersbury** and **Padma Ramani**. If someone is interested in becoming a member, the By-Laws state that eligibility requires attending 6 times. Members are encouraged to participate by coming on Fridays, volunteering in some capacity, **and**, of course, by bringing refreshments a couple times a year. The last is a shared job, 2 each time, and entrance is free that night! See **Gail Hurwitz**, Membership Chair.

We sometimes do not dance on the Friday before Christmas. This year for **December 23rd** we will decide if we dance based on interest.



Chubritza Party Oct. 28th

60th Kolo Festival

The Kolo Festival will be held **November 25 & 26** in San Francisco:

Dance Teachers

Steve Kotansky, Balkan
Bata Marcetic, Serbian
John Filcich, Kolos

Singing

Radka & Tanya Varimezovi
Danilo Yanich

Bands

Sviraj
Brass Menažeri
The Helladelics
Agapi Mou
Trio Zulum
Varimezovi
Family
Black Sea Surf



Tickets & Info—space limited
(pre-register for savings by Nov. 15th)

For more information, contact **Festival Chair: Jerry Duke**, jeduke@sfsu.edu, 415-759-5136. To volunteer, contact: Jan Raines, sherpajmr@yahoo.com. For live music & kafana info, contact: Bill Cope, bill@thecopes.com. (see ad >)



Chubritza Party Oct. 28th

International Dance Festival for NEW DANCERS

Experienced dancers welcome to help.

Hermann Sons Hall,
860 Western Ave., Petaluma
Sun., Nov. 6, 2011
1pm-5pm FREE!

Teachers include **Susie & Nadav**
Contact: Gary Anderson
wildwood_press@comcast.net
www.folkdance.com

ASHKENAZ—Balkan Folk Dance

Wed., NOV. 9th \$7

Nadav Teaching 7pm - Dancing 8pm

The Folkdance Federation of California
presents

The Officers' Ball

Sat. Nov. 12, 2011

1:30pm-10pm

Veterans Memorial Hall,
522 South L. St., Livermore

'DANCING DOWN MEMORY LANE'
Advanced ticket: \$25 by Nov. 1st

Contact: loui@louitucker.com
www.folkdance.com

60th Annual KOLO FESTIVAL Fri.-Sat. Nov. 25-26

Wellness Center of City College,
San Francisco

Ocean Avenue, across from & 1/2 block east of
Balboa BART and MUNI

> Free parking behind center <

All Day Dance & Singing Classes
8pm-midnight Live Dance Music
(in 2 studios both Fri. & Sat.)

jeduke@sfsu.edu - Jerry Duke

<http://balkantunes.org/kolofestival>

Financial News June-Oct 2011

Balance: 6/30/11 **\$4,712**

July + Aug. Income 0
Expenses \$202

Balance: 8/31/11 **\$4,510**

September Income \$527
Expenses (\$225)

Balance: 9/30/11 **\$4,812**

October Income \$1,070
Expenses (\$1,000)

Balance: 10/31/11 **\$4,882**

**KOPACHKA
FOLK DANCERS**
TEACHING & DANCING

FRIDAYS
7:30-11:00PM
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MILL VALLEY, CA

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