



Southern New Mexico Music and Dance ~ SNMMD

NOVEMBER 15th - Third Friday Contra Dance

CHEAP SHOTS from Albuquerque

And YES, they ARE a fun group! Just like the photo!



We are so happy to have “Cheap Shots” returning for our November 15th contra dance, a very talented and high energy band that can play a wide mix of music, including old-time, Celtic, contra dance, folk, country, old blues, bluegrass, swing, and klezmer.

For contra dances, the band enjoys playing New England and Southern style contra music. They have played dances in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Durango, Socorro Dance Camp and Las Cruces.

The band includes Pat Aruffo (fiddle), John Brinduse (keyboard, guitar, percussion), Bill Balassi (guitar, mandolin), Peter Esherick (hammered dulcimer, mandolin, banjo), Erika Gerety (bass, mandolin, vocals). And Erika also organizes the annual Albuquerque Folk Fest in June.

Click the link to hear Cheap Shots play, plus take a look at a Santa Fe Contra dance called by Ben Werner: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH-Z_HaaxT4 (...And I see Julie and Lonnie near the end of this video – we love Cheap Shots.)

Lonnie is calling, plus Steven and Amanda are driving (4 hours) from Fort Davis to dance, and **Steven will call some dances** as well. Bring goodies to share if you can – dancers are always hungry.

DON'T MISS THIS DANCE !



Next Month –
Contra dance is **SECOND** Friday, December 13th
with **The Muletones**

Holiday dance, bring goodies to share.

Drew, Brian and Amy are ready to entertain you.

Local Dance Events Coming up:

Nov 24 Concert/Community Dance with the Big Ditch Crickets,

Hillsboro NM, at the old High School, 2-4 pm
Sunday afternoon.

Lots of easy NM dances will be taught,
including some contras, good for families too.
They are hoping for a big turnout!!



Dec 7 Merri Rudd and Steam!, Albuquerque NM

Merri is celebrating her 28th anniversary of calling contra dances and **Steam!** from Tucson is coming to help her celebrate with a contra dance. Ben Werner will also be calling. Location: Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins St NE (just west off of I-25), 7 pm lessons, dance 7:30-10 pm. Details: <http://folkmaids.org/events/albuquerque-events/> Listen to Steam! during a warmup: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJ9rhLY3RNc&t=36s>



STEAM!



Dec 13 Reminder: SECOND FRIDAY Contra Dance with **The Muletones** in Mesilla NM, sponsored by Southern New Mexico Music & Dance, www.snmmds.org

Dancer News:

- ~ Trey B, an experienced contra dancer from Huntsville AL, joined us in October and helped new dancers immensely.
- ~ Lost keys were found in the dance hall on top of the emergency fire cabinet, moved during the chair takedown. Karl was elated.
- ~ And someone “Ubered up” from El Paso, and got a ride back with dancers – we are so impressed with your desire to dance!
- ~ Carol Fugagli was perfect with her first all-night calling at October’s contra dance. Can’t wait to have her back again!

With so many dance events coming up, we expect to see you on the dance floor soon.

Julie and Lonnie