

The NOB
Neffa Open Band

A community contra dance band playing at the Thursday Night Contra Series

All musicians and levels encouraged to come play in the band. Each NOB session will be led by talented and welcoming musicians (one melody + one rhythm), and dance admission is free for players. Yes, you can play some and dance some. Join us!

Bring your own music stand. Please no amplifiers or percussion.

NOB Musician Leaders

Nov 1 Max Newman, Leader, with Amy Larkin

Dec 6 Julie Metcalf, Leader, with Jon Cannon

Jan 3 Jesse Ball, Leader, with Julie Metcalf

It's Medley Night! We'll have a mini-medley just before the break.

Jan 31 Jeff Kaufman, Leader, with Cecilia Vacanti

Feb 28 Julie Vallimont, Leader, with Eric Boodman

Apr 4 Amy Larkin, Leader, with TBA

May 2 Donal Sheets, Leader, with TBA

The Tune List

Most tunes we will play come from Portland 1 (Why? Because we have lots of books!)

December Guaranteed Tunes

- Happy Opening Reels: Rare (D) / John Stenson's #2 (A) / Marcel Martin (E)
- Jigs: Handsome Young Maids (A) / Moon and Seven Stars (D)
- Jig to Reel: Old Favorite (G) / Flying Home to Shelley (G) / Evil Diane (A)
- Old-time time: Duck River (D) / Benton's Dream (A)
- Marches: Coleman's (D) / March of St. Timothy (G)
- Quebecois: Reel de Montreal (G/D) / Point au Pic (C) / St Antoine's (A)
- If there's a square: Speed the Plow (A)

Big Tune List

- Cape Breton / Scottish
 - Rannie MacClellan (D) / Trip to Windsor (A)
 - Willafford (D) / Spootiskerry (G) / High Drive (D)
 - Union Street Session (D) / Miss Shepherd's (Am) / Frank's (A)
 - Hughie Shorty's (G) / Good for the Tongue (A)

- Irish
 - Swinging on a Gate (G) / Dick Gossip's (D) / Dinky's (A)
 - Father Kelly's (G) / Silver Spear (D) / Wissahickon Drive (A)

- Quebecois
 - Reel de Montreal (G/D) / Levi Beaulieu (A) / Dedicado a Jo (D/Bm)
 - St Joseph (D) / Point au Pic (C) / St Antoine's (A)
 - Reel du Lievre (G) / Woodchopper's (D) / Belle Gaspesie (A)

- Contra Classics
 - Flying Home to Shelley (G) / Curvy Road to Corinth (Em) / Evil Diane (A)
 - Rare (D) / Sligo Creek (Bm) / Bus Stop (Am)

- Old Time
 - Johnny Don't Get Drunk (D) / Highlander's Farewell (Am) / Benton's Dream (A)
 - Forked Deer (D) / Big Scioto (G) / Shenandoah Falls (A)
 - Duck River (D) / Seneca Square Dance (G) / Sandy Boys (A)
 - Nail that Catfish (G) / Julian Johnson (D) / Abe's Retreat (A)
 - Big Scioto (G) / Yellow Barber (D) / Red Haired Boy (A)

- New England and Classic
 - Dominion (C) / Fisher's Hornpipe (D) / Lamplighter's (A)
 - Walker Street (G) / Ross' Reel #4 (F) / Old French (D)
 - More
 - Bay of Fundy (D)
 - Staten Island (D)
 - Batchelder's (F)
 - John Stenson's #2 (A)
 - Liberty (D)

- Marches
 - Doon the Brae (Am or Em) / March of St. Timothy (G)
 - More

- Pete's March
 - Round the Horn
 - Jamie Allen
- Upbeat Jigs
 - One Horned Sheep (G) / Andy DeJarlis (E)
 - Timmy Cillford's (G) / Fair Jenny's (D/G) / All the Rage (E)
 - Rock Valley (C) / Moon and Seven Stars (D) / Irishman's Heart to the Ladies (A)
 - More
 - Off She Goes (D)
 - Bert Ferguson's
 - Handsome Young Maids
 - Road to Lisdoonvarna
- Smooth Jigs
 - Cliffs of Moher (Am) / Sailor's Wife (Dm) / Star Above the Garter (G)
 - Old Favorite (G) / Stan Chapman's (A) / Calliope House (E)
- Jig / Reel
 - Old Favorite (G) / Flying Home to Shelley (G) / Evil Diane (A)