# **GAMBA NEWS**

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# **December Meeting**

One of our new members, Peter Brown, has arranged for us to use the school where he teaches for our December meeting. Thank you, Peter! The meeting, which begins at 1:30 pm and ends at 5:00, will be held at Hillside School, Marcella Street, San Leandro, on Sunday, December 4th. See accompanying map for directions. Music will be a selection of consort music by German composers of the late 16th and early 17th centuries. There will be an early seasonal party during the afternoon, so please bring suitable edibles. If you are planning to attend, complete the attached form and send it to Julie Jeffrey as soon as possible.

# **Future Meetings**

We are trying to plan our meeting schedule for 1989, and are considering either January 14th, 15th or 7th (in that order of priority) for the first meeting of the new year. You can help by assigning your own preference order among these dates on the mailing form. The second meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 4th; it may take the form of a workshop by a noted gambist.

#### Membership

A gratifyingly large number of potential members sent in their \$15 subscriptions and became actual members last month. So far, we have received about 30 membership subscriptions, and seven \$5 subscriptions for the newsletter only. This newsletter is reaching only the above people, but Maureen McTigue, who volunteered for the new post of Membership Chairperson at the November meeting, will shortly be calling others on our original list who may still wish to subscribe. If you know of someone who might become a member in either category, please call her at 408-996-9825.

### **November Meeting**

We enjoyed an extremely pleasant day at the home of Jane Johnson on November 5th. Two groups of 5-6 players toiled away happily, while beginners formed a trio with music co-director Todd Wetherwax. Room acoustics were excellent, and the balmy weather encouraged the brown baggers to lunch alfresco on the Johnsons' soothing patio. At a short business meeting, the new post of Membership Chairperson was accepted by Maureen McTigue, and future meetings, workshops etc. were discussed. The by-laws, which were amended at our October meeting, will be mailed to the membership for comments before being submitted for final approval.

# Forthcoming Recital

January 17th, 1989, 8:00 pm in Braun Recital Hall, Stanford. John Dornenburg, viola da gamba and Charlene Brendler, harpsichord. Program includes music by Bach, Simpson, Marais and Forqueray.

