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September Meeting

Our first meeting of the new season will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Park Blvd., Oakland (near Hwy 13) on Saturday September 10. Please arrive promptly at 9:30 AM for coffee and assignment to groups. We look forward to seeing old and new members. Send in your reply card, preferably in an envelope with a check for your annual dues, now payable.

Dues are Due

After a favorable report from our Treasurer, the Board decided in its August 6 meeting, to make no change in the cost of membership. Playing member dues are \$15 per annum, (\$25 for two persons at the same address), and \$5 for Newsletter only members. Please send the included reply card, filled out, and a check for the appropriate amount, *made out to VdGS/Pacifica*, enclosed in an envelope to Peter Ballinger, 963 Peralta Avenue, Albany, CA 94706. Be sure to fill out the part of the card relating to your attendance at the September meeting. This will save you 19 cents postage. This newsletter is being sent to as many current, prospective, and (we hope, temporarily) 'dropped-from-view' members as possible, but future newsletters will be restricted to paid-up members and, of course, VdGS chapter representatives, who receive a copy *gratis*. Note to Newsletter members who subscribed at the last North-South meeting at Fresno: your membership extends through the 1994-95 season, but we'd like to hear from you anyway so please send in your reply

card to confirm your name and address).

Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings will be held at Zion Church on the following dates: November 12, December 17; and January 14, May 13 (1995). The October meeting will be absorbed by the Headlands Workshop (October 28-30). The February 11 meeting will be held in Berkeley, the March 11 meeting at Stanford, and the June 10 meeting at a location TBA (possibly Mills College). This leaves April, which is devoted to the North-South meet in Fresno (21-23). The Stanford meeting will be our annual workshop with John Dornenburg: we are hoping to engage a visiting professional gambist for the February meeting.

Summer Activities

Following the Berkeley Festival, the summer provided a wealth of gamba playing opportunities: two weeks at Dominican for the Baroque workshop, a week at Viols West, a week for your N/L editor at the International Viol Workshop at Hitchin, England, and the Conclave in North Carolina. We'd like to receive accounts of any of these activities from participants for publication

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OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	Dalton Cantey
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Julie Jeffrey
SECRETARY:	Cecilia Doris
TREASURER:	Alvin Roper

in forthcoming newsletters.

New Officers

In the election held June 4, Dalton Cantey was elected President and Julie Jeffrey, Vice-president (and music coordinator), each for a term of two years. Thanks and good wishes to John Mark and Lee McRae for their generous gift of time and wise counsel in the previous two years in these posts. Thanks also to Cecilia Doris, Secretary and Alvin Roper, Treasurer who continue in their positions for another year. The six members-at-large are Annette Barnett, John Dornenburg, Glenna Houle, Lee McRae, Sara Beth Michael and Natalie Sera. The members-at-large are well dispersed geographically: please don't hesitate to contact one in your area for information or to deliver roses or brickbats.

Calendar of Events

August 21: Duo Chelyum, (Roland Hutchinson and Julie Jeffrey) specializing in rarely-heard music for two viols, will be joined by harpsichordist Joseph Kimbel in "Bass Instincts", a program of Baroque chamber music. Program includes Marais' *Tombeau de Mr. Meliton*, J.S. Bach's Trio in G major, and music by Kühnel, François and Louis Couperin and Matthew

Locke. St Alban's Church, 1501 Washington Avenue, Albany, 3:00 PM. \$8.00/\$5.00 at the door. (510) 237-8579.

October 15: Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra presents a workshop on the music of the 17th century Jacobean Masque, directed by Eileen Hadidian. Duveneck School, 705 Alester Avenue, Palo Alto. 9 AM—4 PM. \$18 (MPRO members)/\$25 before October 8; \$23/\$30 after October 8. Check, made out to Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra to 746 Greer Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303. Info: (408) 730-0728.

October 28-30: Music for Souls and Saints: Sacred and Profane music of Purcell and contemporaries. Faculty: Eileen Hadidian, Shira Kammen, David Morris. Presented by East Bay and Sacramento Chapters, ARS. Marin Headlands Institute. Registration information will be mailed, or contact Billie Hamilton (916) 451-7614.

Advertisements

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Treble Viol for sale: Michael Plant, with hard case and bow. Call Gretchen Elliot, (415) 587-5999. Roberta Charlton, (602) 253-5055.

Viols for sale: Hoskins treble, 42 cm. Jaye bass, 69 cm. Norman bass, 72 cm. Bertrand 7-string, 72 cm. Reasonable: cases available. Do you have a viol or bow you're not playing or want to upgrade? If suitable for rental, I'll give you credit towards purchase of a new viol. Alexandra Tantranon-Saur (510) 568-5452.