



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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Merry Christmas

- ⇒ **Veselé vánoce**
- ⇒ **Buon Natale**
- ⇒ **メリークリスマス**
- ⇒ **Bože Narodzenie**
- ⇒ **Рождеством Христовым**
- ⇒ **圣诞快乐**
- ⇒ **Різдвом**
- ⇒ **Giáng sinh Vui vẻ**
- ⇒ **Καλά Χριστούγεννα**

2009 President Message



On 12/08/09, the E.B.B.C. had their annual Christmas Party and election. The results of the election for 2010 offices are as follows:

- ⇒ President Jack Convery
- ⇒ Vice President Bob Malucelli
- ⇒ Secretary June Rosploch
- ⇒ Treasurer Bill Sullivan
- ⇒ Music Director Bill Cooper

I want to congratulate all of the new officers. I also want to thank the club for allowing me to serve two terms as President. It was a real learning experience and a lot of fun in the process. You guys are great.

Our next big project is the Second Annual Summer Jazz Banjo Festival scheduled for June 12-13, 2010 at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keep ON Strumming . . . Jim Blankenship, President

East Bay Banjo Club Meets:

Every Tuesday
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Round Table Pizza,
1938 Oak Park Blvd.,
Pleasant Hill, CA

2010 EBBC Board

President	Jack Convery	president@eastbaybanjo.org
Vice President	Bob Malucelli	vicepresident@eastbaybanjolorg
Secretary	June Rosploch	secretary@eastbaybanjo.org
Treasurer	Bill Sullivan	treasureer@eastbaybanjolorg
Music Director	Bill Cooper	wcooper2480@comcast.net
Immediate Past President	Jim Blankenship	jbblankenship@att.net
Booking Agent	Bob Nelson	bookingagent@eastbaybanjo.org

2010 Non-Board Positions

Assistant Music Directors	Betty David, Larry Risner, Jack Convery
Web Master	John Rosploch
Newsletter Editor/Publisher	June Rosploch
Librarian	Jim Blankenship
Membership Chairman	Open



Where is Marco Green?

Reported By: June Rosploch

If you are looking for **Marco Green** on any given Tuesday evening, you will find him at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in Pleasant Hill, California with a banjo on his knee.

Some may ask who is Marco Green. He is the youngest member of the East Bay Banjo Club. Marco just turned 5 years old and loves trains, especially HO trains, is currently mastering a two wheel bike and is looking forward to Kindergarten next year. He is having a blast with the East Bay Banjo Club, wishes it was twice a week, and calls every practice "The banjo festival."

Brian and Lori Green, his parents, are responsible for inspiring Marco musically by bring him to the clubs 2009 Summer Jazz Festival in June.

The East Bay Banjo Club was founded in 1963 as a nonprofit organization and dedicated to the spirit of play "Happy" banjo music. However, over the years the club has not actively gone out recruiting the youth in the community until June 2009. Earlier in the year it was pointed out that the East Bay Banjo Club is in jeopardy of disappearing solely due to the age of it's membership.

Thus, the birth of separate activities offered with children in mind began. The club was the first banjo club in the area to offer festival activities focusing on children. These ranged from making gut buckets out of cans, learning some music theory, to learning a few cords on a banjo. At the end of the festival the children were brought onto the main stage to perform the newly learned song, "Goofus". The crowd loved it and we must have done something right that day because a new banjo enthusiast was born, Marco.



Some interesting facts about Marco: "Alabamy Bound" is his favorite East Bay Banjo Club song, "Blue Suede Shoes by Elvis" is his most favorite non-banjo song, "Spaghetti" is at the top of his list of favorite foods, His favorite instruments are the "Banjo and Electric Guitar"

2009 EBBC Charity Donations

\$1,250.00 each to the **Bay Area Crisis Nursery, Las Trampus, and We Care Center of Contra Costa**

\$100.00 to **Sacramento Capital Kids Banjo Group**

\$500.00 to **Meals on Wheels**

Services and products donated: 7 performances, 20 EBBC "Hey Mr. Banjo" CD's, and 23 EBBC Summer Jazz Banjo Festival admission tickets to various groups for an estimated total of \$2,045.00.



Other News

EBBC Life Member **Georgette Twain** and Banjo Hall of Fame Member has terminated her club membership.

Georgette joined the club in the mid 1960's and in recent years has lived in Nevada. She participated, as the headliner, in the annual banjo jam sessions at Harrah's. Georgette will surely be missed by many.

Newsletter Editor Note

Publishing a newsletter, every other month, was made possible through a lot of team work. I want to thank all those who contributed to the 2009 newsletters by submitting reports, materials and pictures. Keeping true to the 15th deadline wasn't always easy but through their dedication the newsletters kept on appearing and on schedule.

2009 Reporters: **Bill Sullivan, Bonnie Miller, Dina Melamed, Don Granburg, Dorothy Cahill, Easter Jestadt, Garry Kerr, John Rosploch, Karen Swift, Karen DeWeese, Lynn Deutscher, Pat Wheaton, and Terry Horner**

2009 Photographers: **Bill Sullivan, Gerry Kerr, John Rosploch, and Robin Reeves**

Merry Christmas and Safe Holidays to All, *June Rosploch*

2009 EBBC At A Glance



December 8, 2009 Christmas Party

Reported By: June Rosploch

The back area of the Round Table Pizza Parlor on Oak Park Boulevard in Pleasant Hill where the club practices weekly was the location for the 2009 EBBC Christmas Party. **Diane Shaw** and **Mickie McDonald** sure know how to organize a rowdy group of banjo players, family members, friends, and supporters. Vouchers were given to attendees which were in turn used to participate in the All You Can Eat salad and/or pizza bar. The club also provided beer and wine along with the pizza parlor providing the sodas.

The party was well attended with reservations at last count toping 80. During the celebration one could look around and see lots of smiles and people chatting with friends and acquaintances.

A big thank you the Co-chairs, **Diane Shaw** and **Mickie McDonald** for all the prep time and attention given to making the event fun for all.







East Bay Banjo Club

2010 Membership Form

Renewal _____
New Member _____

Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Optional information :

Birth Month & Day _____

How did you hear about the club?

Do you own a banjo?

Interested in Buy / Buy Back instrument program?

What is your tuning preference?

Plectrum _____ Tenor _____ Guitar _____

Membership form along with \$20.00 annual dues can be sent to EBBC, P.O. Box 5414,
Concord, CA 94524 Attn: Membership Chairperson