



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Play-out Schedule

⇒ **Friday, Feb. 19**

Masonic Center, Orinda
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

⇒ **Thursday, April 1**

Bay Park, Pinole
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

⇒ **Saturday, April 17**

Diablo Lodge, Danville
6:15 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.

⇒ **Sunday, April 25**

Lafayette/Orinda Pres-
byterian Parish, Ross-
moor
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

⇒ **Saturday, June 26**

Diablo Lodge,
Danville
6:15 P.M. – 7:15 P.M.

⇒ **Wednesday, June 30**

Stoneman Village,
Pittsburg
7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

For the most current
play-out information
visit:

www.eastbaybanjo.org

Or

Contact **Bob Nelson,**
Booking Agent

bookingagent@eastbaybanjo.org

or 925-372-0553

Presidents Message



By the time you receive this message the 4th Annual Banjo Snow Train will have come & gone. It's hard to believe that this (3) day event for the banjo has gone on successfully since 2007. To date we have had over 350 paid participants, we've been feature on (2) Reno TV stations, and have had numerous articles in FIGA & the Resonator. Banjo participants have come from as far away as St. Louis, MO, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, and Nevada. Notable headliners who have participated are Banjo Hall of Fame members Charlie Tagawa, Georgette Twain, Harry Higgins, & Jack Dupen. As wells as Johnny Wilder, Paul Doerner, and members from all 5 N. Calif. Banjo bands.

I want to thank **Bill Cooper & Bob Nelson** for their continued support and everyone in the EBBC who have participated in what has become a one-of-kind, annual banjo event. To see the TV clips and learn more visit www.banjosnowtrain.com.

I want to congratulate all of our newly elected officers and thank **Jim Blankenship** for his patience and knowledge in helping in our transition into 2010. This year looks to be an even better year for the EBBC with a newly expanded SJBFF 2010. In addition to having added several paid sponsors for our SJBFF event, we will be adding a Saturday evening dinner concert which should bring more awareness and funds to our cause - which is to promote the banjo (America's instrument), have fun, and raise funds for our charities. Tickets to the Saturday evening dinner concert are limited to 150 and it is sure to sell out, So get your reservations in now by reserving online at www.summerjazzbanjofestival.com.

I wish to thank everyone who volunteered their time at last years SJBFF and invite you all to participate in the SJBFF 2010. Contact **Bud Pierce** or **Bill Cooper**, who are in charge of day-of-event activities. Thank you **June Rosploch** for all the great work you do as Secretary, **Bob Nelson**, the best banjo booking agent on the west coast, and **Bob Malucelli**, our new Vice President. And please feel free to contact me any-time you have a question, suggestion, or concern.

Thank you,

Jack Convery, President

⇒ **February 23/25**

Reno Snow Train
Harrah's, Reno

⇒ **April 11**

Sacramento Banjo Rama
Red Lion Hotel, Sacramento

⇒ **May 13/15**

Arizona Banjo Blast
Tucson, Arizona

⇒ **June 12/13**

Annual EBBC Summer Jazz
Banjo Festival
Saint Mary's College, Moraga

East Bay Banjo Club Meets:

Every Tuesday

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Round Table Pizza, 1938 Oak Park Blvd.,
Pleasant Hill, California

January 10, Chateau I, Pleasant Hill

Reported By: Kit Nelson

It was a bright sunny Sunday afternoon in January (10th to be exact), that EBBC played their first Play-out of the year. BUT the temperature was 45 degrees and a bit CHILLY! We played indoors, of course, and we were at the beautiful CHATEAU I in Pleasant Hill, which had a wonderful Spring-like audience!

In attendance were our music leader, **Bill Cooper**, **Betty David**, **Guy Black**, **Lynne Deutscher**, **Don Granberg**, **Kit Nelson**, **Marco Green**, **Brian Green**, **Terry Horner**, **Bob Malucelli**, **Karen Swift**, **Bill Sullivan**, **Bud Pearce**, **Gerry Reeves**, **Robin Reeves**, **Pat Wheaton**, and **Bookie Bob Nelson**. The music list chosen by **Bill Cooper** for the afternoon, was called "Composers I". We started with O! Susanna written by Stephen Foster, then on to composers Jack Yellen, Bud DeSylva, Walter Donaldson. The band ended its musical afternoon with "My Little Bimbo" written by Walter Donaldson, and of course, our "theme" song, "Banjo Picker's Ball". From the smiles on everyone's faces, EBBC gave a delightful hour of music enjoyed by all.

January 17, Merrill Gardens, Vallejo

Reported By: Don Granberg



The new year continues with our 2nd play-out. The room where we played at Merrill Gardens is a beautiful wood accentuated meeting area with a high balcony and great acoustics. **Bill Cooper** got us started with our favorite song—Bill Bailey. No matter how many times we play this song, Mr. Bailey still eludes us and won't "come home". **Jack Convery** did a great job with his medley of award winning songs. The ride over the bridge and thru the streets of Vallejo couldn't dampen **Mickie McDonald**,

Lynn Deutscher, and my excitement.

A new venue. The crowd numbered at least 50 that I saw. Many were upstairs looking over the balcony. **Bob Malucelli** suggests you hang your white shirt and vest together so you won't forget to wear the vest as well as your shirt!

Welcome back to Lynne's voice. She and **Mickie McDonald** sounded great signing Carolina. I am surprised they haven't moved there. A couple of players lost their picks in the thick of battle, but managed to continue their performance. Our club is growing in numbers and good to hear **Tom Brunetti** and **Kermit Collins** in their initial endeavors with our club. **Terry Horner** has a new avocation—jumping up and dropping down to the strains of the Saints. His clapping skills are never to be beaten.

One woman listener has 2 banjo players in her family and was thrilled to hear familiar songs we played. Many thanks were bestowed on us by the enthusiastic members of Merrill Gardens. I am sure we all look forward to our next adventure.

Players present today are **Bill Cooper**, **Guy Black**, **Don Granberg**, **Jack Convery**, **Kit Nelson**, **Bob Nelson**, **Terry Horner**, **Bud Pearce**, **Bob Malucelli**, **Kermit Collins**, **Tom Brunetti**, **Chris Horner**, **Lynne Deutscher**, **Mickie McDonald**



February 6, Diablo Lodge, Danville

Reported By: Lynn Deutscher

We had a great play out at Diablo Lodge on Saturday, Feb.6th. The residents were very appreciative and enthusiastic, especially one 94 year old lady that just wanted to dance! More power to her!



Dina Melamed convinced a gentleman who was a resident at the lodge, to sing for us.

The players attending were **Chris Lardge, Mickie McDonald, Don Granberg, Lynne Deutscher, Kermit Collins, Kit Nelson, Bob Nelson, Bill Cooper, Tim Perry, Betty David, Jim Blankenship, Dina Melamed, Steve Ferguson and Tom Burnett.**

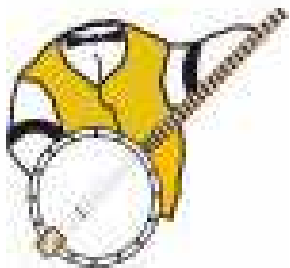
It was wonderful to have **Tim Perry** back and singing again! It is always nice to hear his voice! **Betty David** played bass for this event and did a great job!



We all had a good time. Diablo Lodge is a great addition to our play out list.



Club Dues Are Past Due!



Membership form (on page 7) along with \$20.00 annual dues can be sent to:
EBBC, P.O. Box 5414, Concord, CA 94524 Attn: Membership Chairperson



On Tuesday nights Round Table Pizza Parlor has Family Night. This happens to also be the night we rehearse at the pizza parlor so you can only imagine the number of children and activates that are going on all at the same time. Face painting, movies, games and of course banjo music makes for a spirited night. I think it is called organized chaos. Among the patrons was Cub Scout Troop 240 of Mt. Diablo Silverado District. Four of the cub scouts were in need of a past scout to ask question of and who better to pair them up with but our own **Bill Sullivan**. Did you know Bill is an Eagle Scout.



It is always a treat to see **Don Tharp** and Betty at our weekly practices. Don moved away from the Bay Area recently which also meant that Betty lost her ride. Thank you Don for making the trek, we certainly enjoy your participation and Betty's vocal Bill Bailey.



Ralph and Betsy came to our weekly rehearsal to check us out and listen to the songs we play. You see, this was there first time to actually hear us play. They had a mission that night which was to see what they thought about the style of music we play. Why, well they are getting married May 22 and were interested in booking us to entertain at their wedding reception. They must not have been disappointed because before they left they had a list in hand of songs for us to play along with booking the date with us. Thank you to **Lynn Deutscher** for recommending us.

Reporters:

February
19—
Kit Nelson



February
23/25—
**Lynn Deutscher/
Chris Lardge**



April 11—
Chris Lardge



No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times. Go ahead; try it!
Submitted by: **Garry Kerr**

East Bay Banjo Club Board Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2010

Attendees: Bob Malucelli – Vice President, June Rosploch – Secretary, Bill Sullivan – Treasurer, Bill Cooper – Music Director, Bob Nelson- Booking Agent

Guests: Guy Black

Meeting quorum (simple majority of board members) was reached for this meeting.

Reports:

Secretary - June Rosploch

- 2010 club contact information was submitted to the Resonator.

- Minutes for December 1 Board Meeting and December 8 Annual Business Meeting were presented
- Motion to approve minutes (as amended) by Bob Nelson / seconded by Bill Sullivan – approved 4 / 0 / 0

Treasurer Report - Bill Sullivan

- 2009 Year To Date (YTD):

\$ 15,663.00 Income

\$ 13,876.00 Expenses

\$ 1,787.00 Gross Profit

- Bank Balance

\$ 10,472.00 as of 12/31/2009

- Motion to approve Treasurer report by June Rosploch / seconded by Bill Cooper – approved 4 / 0 / 0

Booking Report - Bob Nelson

- Gigs booked for 2010

10 YTD

- CDs

11 Sold (163 In Stock)

- CD Baby

No activity to report

- Motion to approve Booking report by Bill Sullivan / seconded by Bill Cooper—approved 4 / 0 / 0

2nd Annual EBBC Summer Jazz Festival - Bill Sullivan

- No activity to report

Newsletter – June Rosploch

- The article and picture about Marco Green was submitted for publication in the March 2010 issue of the Resonator

Old Business Sound System

- A new sound system is the boards number 1 priority for Q1 of 2010

- **Action Item: Bill Cooper will purchase new sound system by end of March, 2010.**

New Business

Board Meeting Location

- The Guitar Heaven music store agreed to provide meeting space for the monthly board meetings.

- A motion was made by June Rosploch / seconded by Bill Cooper to provide Guitar Heaven advertising in all EBBC Newsletters, EBBC 2nd Annual Summer Jazz Festival program and make announcements as appropriate. – approved 4 / 0 / 0

Hospitality

- Mickie McDonald has provided cards for member's birthdays and illnesses at no cost to the club.

- The board would like to continue the sending of cards to members in 2010.

- A motion was made by June Rosploch / seconded by Bill Sullivan to approve Mickie as club Hospitality Chairperson with a \$100.00 budget for 2010. If there are additional needs other than sending cards, Mickie will bring requests to the board's attention.—approved 4 / 0 / 0

Membership

- Shelia Welt volunteered for the open 2010 Membership position and has served as interim Membership Co-chair since the beginning of December 2009 when the position became vacant.

- A motion was made by June Rosploch / seconded by Bill Cooper to approve Shelia as the Membership Chairperson.

–approved 4 / 0 / 0

Membership Categories

- No future Honorary/Life Memberships will be granted until such time as there is a change to the bylaws to reflect the new membership category.

- Currently there is one category of membership.

- There are several members currently with the distinction of Honorary/Life Members; Bill Cooper, Bobbi Landers, Jeannie Posey, and Larry Risner.

- A grandfather clause needs to be noted if Honorary Life members are not incorporated into the bylaws.

- A discussion about changing the By-laws to include Honorary/Life members was tabled until the board meeting in April.

- If the board chooses to pursue different types of members the process to follow would be:

- A committee would need to be formed to draft proposed qualifications.

- Once the board approves draft qualification, the draft would be brought before the membership

- A vote of the membership would need to be scheduled since this would be a change to the current by-laws.

-Action Item: Add as agenda item for April Board meeting

Music

- Bob Malucelli would like to see the club add a variety of styles of music to the club song book.

- Bob believes this would be one way to interest a younger audience base which in turn could encourage youths to take interest in playing the banjo.

Music (continued)

- **Action Item: Bob will work with Bill Cooper on the proposed list of songs to see if there is a few which could easily be added to the club music and report back at the February Board meeting.**

Playing Breaks

- It was suggested by Bob Malucelli to solicit individuals for solos which would increase self-confidence in an individuals banjo playing ability.

- **Action Item: Bill Cooper will approach Gerald Reeves to see if there is an interest in working on a solo opportunity and report back at the February Board meeting of progress and other possible members to approach.**

Out Going 2009 Board Member

- In the past a recognition valued at roughly \$200.00 was given to outgoing presidents as a Thank you for serving more than one term.

- A motion was made by Bob Nelson / seconded by June Rosploch to recognize Jim Blankenship for his past 2 years as the club President not to exceed \$200.00 – approved 4 / 0 / 0

- **Action Item: Bob Nelson will make the necessary arrangements**

Club Photograph

- The current club photograph is out dated and does not represent the current membership base. The update of club photos should be revisited annually.

- Members will be asked to help secure a location that would lend itself as a backdrop for a 2010 group picture.

- **Action Item: Add as agenda item for February Board meeting**

Club Pamphlet

- The supply of club pamphlets, which is used for publicity, should be reviewed annually for possible enhancements.

- **Action Item: Add as agenda item for the February Board meeting**

Board Conflict of Interest

- It was brought to Bill Coopers attention that the board is tasked with ensuring there is no conflict of interest associated with any of the club business, especially the EBBC Annual Summer Jazz Festival because the current event Co-chairs also hold board positions (President and Treasurer).

Copywrite

- The EBBC copywrite information was changed on 2010 EBBC Annual Summer Jazz Banjo Festival event materials.

- The original copyright stated: Copyright East Bay Banjo Club All Rights Reserved

- It was changed to: Copywrite © 2010 Summer Jazz Banjo Festival. All Rights Reserved

- The board was not aware of any change.

- **Action Item: Bill Sullivan will be responsible for getting all copy-right information changed back to the original and will report status at the February Board meeting.**

Website Enhancements

- Bill Sullivan had some ideas for enhancing the club website, - Further discussion was tabled until the board meeting in March at which time John Rosploch, the Webmaster, will be invited to participate in the discussion.

- **Action Item: Add as agenda item for the March Board meeting**

Camera

- The majority of photos taken at club play-outs are not routinely being shared with the Webmaster for publication on the website.

Camera (continued)

- If the club had a digital camera for use at play-outs, this would resolve the issue of having club photos for the web site and also a sampling of the photos could be included in newsletters.

- **Action Item: June will research possible options and cost.**
 - **Action Item: Add as agenda item for February Board meeting.**

Summary of Agenda Items for Future Board meetings:

February

- 2009 President Recognition Update – Bob Nelson
- Additional Style of Music Update – Bob Malucelli
- Club Camera – June Rosploch
- Club Pamphlet – Board Review
- Club Photo – Board Discussion
- EBBC Annual Summer Jazz Banjo Festival Copywrite Update – Bill Sullivan
- Solo Playing Update – Bill Cooper

March

- Sound System – Bill Cooper
- Website Enhancements – Board Discussion

April

- Membership Categories – Board Discussion

Closing

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 PM
 Minutes are respectfully submitted by June Rosploch

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2010 Membership Form**

Renewal _____
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Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Optional information :

Birth Month & Day _____

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THE EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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From 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

At

Round Table Pizza

1938 Oak Park Blvd.

Pleasant Hill, CA