



East Bay Banjo Club

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Membership Newsletter

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Play-out Schedule

⇒ **Saturday, Oct. 30**

Orchard Nursery / Harvest Festival, Lafayette

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

“Costume”

⇒ **Friday, Nov. 5**

Walnut Creek Senior Club

Noon – 1:00 P.M.

⇒ **Thursday, Nov. 11**

Aegis of Concord, Veterans Day Program

3:30 P.M. – 4:40 P.M.

⇒ **Friday, Nov. 19**

Stoneman Village, Pittsburg

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

⇒ **Monday, Nov. 22**

Contra Costa Jewish Ctr., Walnut Creek

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 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

East Bay Banjo Club Meets:

Every **Wednesday**

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

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

Feature Story

JANUARY 1ST—A Day To Remember Reported by Don Granberg

Imagine Pat Wheaton, Lynne Deutscher, and Don Granberg all born on the same day—January first in different years. Imagine my surprise when I found out that Lynne and I were born on the

same day. We knew this for a few years before becoming aware that Pat, also, shares our birth date. Hard to comprehend the coincidence. It



is rare to encounter a common birth date amongst friends, family or other acquaintances. When we learned of our common day, we tried to see similarities between our Capricorn personalities. Alas, none. We do know that we each play with guitar tuning and love the “old” songs. We all belong to EBBC

and enjoy playing at the various gigs. We are indeed a unique trio. There is always a special bond between two people with the same birthdates, but three! And, we are lucky; the “whole world smiles with us” and celebrates our birthday. Happy birthday to all and especially those born on January first.

Events

⇒ **Wednesday, December 8**

EBBC Christmas Party and Annual Business Meeting
@ Round Table, Pleasant Hill
6:00 P.M.—9:30 P.M.

Member plus one guest

Please sign up to provide head count for food and beverages.



**Aegis of Concord – August 13
Reported By: Sheila Welt**

The following EBBC Members played at this afternoon event: Kermit Collins, Terry Horner, Guy Black, Kit Nelson, Sheila Welt, Ardie Jarrett, Don Granberg, Bill Cooper, Tim Perry, Bill Sullivan, Bud Pearce, Chris Lardge, Jack Hurley, Pat Wheaton and Dina Melamed.



This event was scheduled to be played outside (Burrrrrrr)! We were pleasantly surprised when we played inside. The residences enjoyed our performance and sang along with us on some of our songs. Everyone had a wonderful time.! We had a lot of support from our non banjo playing members and friends—that always makes it special.

Your reporter for this event was a “little late” as she had an errand to go for batteries. It felt VERY strange to stroll in after the event began. I guess I made a grand entrance without meaning to.



**Bay Park Independent Living, Pinole – August 26
Reported By Kit Nelson**



A VIEW FROM THE STAGE

AS THE EBBC TEAM PROCEEDED TO SET UP OUR MUSIC EQUIPMENT ABOUT 15 TO 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO “SHOWTIME”, (6 PM), AND CHAIRS FOR THE AUDIENCE ALL SET UP, IT WAS QUITE NOTICEABLE NOT ONE SEAT WAS FILLED! WHERE WAS THE AUDIENCE? USUALLY, PEOPLE DRIBBLE IN, ONE OR TWO AT A TIME, BUT IT WAS UNUSUAL TO SEE NONE IN THE SEATS!

THREE MINUTES TO 6 PM “BAY PARK” IN PINOLE CAME ALIVE! DINNER WAS OVER AND WE WERE THE AFTER-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT AND OH, WERE THEY SMILING! THE AUDIENCE ALMOST BEGAN CLAPPING BEFORE WE STARTED. REMEMBERING “BANJO MUSIC” AND WHAT FUN THEY WOULD HAVE FOR AN HOUR, IT WAS A “JOY” TO VIEW; BILL COOPER, OUR

LEADER, SAID, “LET’S PLAY BILL BAILEY” AND WE BEGAN OUR HOUR RIGHT ON TIME WITH FILLED SEATS!

IN ATTENDANCE WERE OUR MUSIC LEADER, BILL COOPER, TOM BRUNETTI, KERMIT COLLINS, TERRY HORNER, GUY BLACK, HERB MOORE, CHRIS LARDGE, BUD PEARCE, KIT NELSON, LYNNE DEUTSCHER, MICKIE McDONALD, AND JACK CONVERY.

THE THEME FOR THE HOUR WAS TO BE “LADIES’ NAMES” AND WE BEGAN WITH “HARD-HEARTED HANNAH” AND ENDED WITH “DINAH”; JACK CONVERY DID A SOLO AND EVERYONE ENJOYED HIS TALENTS ALONG WITH BILL COOPER’S AND THE TALENTS OF ALL OUR BANJO PLAYERS AND VOCALISTS. WE FELT VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THIS WONDERFUL GROUP AT “BAY PARK IN PINOLE”. WE WILL BE ASKED BACK SOON, ACCORDING TO MOST OF THE RESIDENTS WHO CAME AND TALKED TO ALL OF US AFTER THE “SHOW”; I HEARD A FEW SAY “IT WAS ALL UPBEAT MUSIC AND WE LIKE THAT !!”



EBBC Picnic @ Landers Landing — August 28

Recipe By Ardie Jarrett

Cook sufficient amount of grits for 4 1/2—5 Cups, boiling water, following the recipe on the package.

While cooked Grits are still hot, add 1/4 lb. Butter and 8 oz. garlic cheese. (Garlic Cheese can be made by shredding cheese, adding chopped clove of garlic and let stand in a warm place for awhile).

Mix grits, butter, and garlic cheese well. Pour into a buttered baking dish (8" X 13"). Topping: 1 1/2 c. crushed cornflakes (or cheezits) that has been mixed with 1/8 lb. melted butter. Spread on top of the grits mixture. Bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Golden State Club, Annual Dinner @ Rossmoor — September 9
Reported By: Dina Melamed

EBBC gig on 9/9/2010 for the "California State Club" of Rossmoor, was led by Bill Cooper, at the Del Valle Clubhouse. We had a nice, large stage, which offered plenty of space for 15 musicians.

The large audience, still enjoying their deserts, looking happy and in anticipation of some good music, our program was suitable for their occasion.

There was an audience request for the "Charleston" to which a couple joyfully danced, and I am glad to say, without any bodily injury.

Jack and Diana Starr were enjoying this affair at a nearby table, and it was nice to see them.

I must say, there was a "plot" to sing the "Oakland" song! by Terry Horner. Bill Cooper and Mickie McDonald had a go at it, while Dina Melamed and Don Granberg joined with their washboards, the audience laughed with us on that one.....

"WHO AND WHO": Kit Nelson sang "California Here I Come" and "Oh My Darling Clementine" with audience participation. Jesse DeTorres delivered "I Left My Heart In San Francisco" and "Avalon". Tim Perry sang like a tiger, "Silver Dollar", Bud Pierce gave us "Hello My Honey, Hello My Baby".

PLAYING BANJO: Kermit Collins, Betty David, Bob Malucelli, Pat Wheaton, Dick Newman, Marilyn Young, Don Granberg on Banjo and Washboard, Terri Horner on gut bucket, washboard and vocal, Guy Black on Bass, and Dina Melamed on washboard.

Our large audience was gracious and appreciative throughout and enjoyed our group's talents.

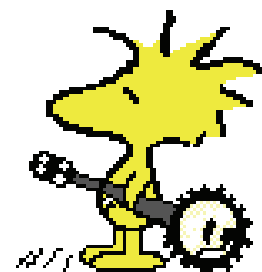
I wish to thank our Leader Bill Cooper and every participating member, for making this event successful and fun for all. Thank you Bob Nelson, Booking Agent for all you do for EBBC.

Attendees: Kermit Collins, Betty David, Guy Black, Bill Cooper, Dina Melamed, Bud Pearce, Tim Perry, Kit Nelson, Bob Malucelli, Pat Weaton, Dick Neuman, Jesse DeTorres, Marilyn Young, Don Granberg, Terry Horner, and Bob Nelson.

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East Bay Banjo Club Board Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2010

Attendees: Bill Cooper, Bill Sullivan, Bob Malucelli, Bob Nelson, Jack Convery, Jim Blankenship, June Rosploch

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

Reports

Secretary - June Rosploch - Minutes for July 7 Board Meeting were presented

Motion to approve minutes by Jjim Blankenship/ seconded by Bill Cooper— approved 6/0/0.

Treasurer Report – Bob Nelson for Bill Sullivan -A draft (not reconciled) spreadsheet of income/expenses for the club monthly & year-to-date report was presented. (Detailed table on Page 9)

Report was not approved

Action Item: A reconciled financial report to be provided before September board meeting. (Bill Sullivan)

Note: Bill Sullivan had to leave meeting but meeting quorum (simple majority of board members) was present to continue meeting.

Booking Report - Bob Nelson—Gigs booked for 2010 - YTD total of 27 (21 Paid, 6 Free)

CDs – 1 Sold for an in stock total of 133

CD Baby – No Activity

Motion to approve booking report by June Rosploch/ seconded by Bill Cooper – approved 5/0/0

2nd Annual Summer Jazz Festival - Bob Nelson for Jack Convery

Brain storming meeting is to take place on August 15, 2 PM at Round Table Pizza, 1938 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill, Bill Cooper to Facilitate and June Rosploch to record discussion.

Outstanding Action: The event web page information remains misleading. On May 11, 2010 the concern was brought to the attention of Jack Convery.

Action Item: Meeting notification to be sent to all members. (June Rosploch)

Note: Jack Convery had to leave meeting but meeting quorum (simple majority of board members) was present to continue meeting.

Old Business

Club Photo – Bill Sullivan

Postponed till September board meeting.

Pending Action Item: Bill Sullivan will verify if the agreement was for the 2 photos or is there a CD of the photo shoot still pending.

Club Banner-Jim Blankenship

A 3 foot by 4 foot club banner was purchased and will be on display at the Oak Park Blvd. Round Table Pizza establishment.

Club Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Classification

Postponed till September board meeting.

Pending Action Item: Bill Sullivan will forward all required documentation including filling instructions to the Secretary, June Rosploch to file.

Club Xmas party

The pizza parlor will be approached to see if they would extend the buffet for the club party on that one Wednesday evening.

Action Item: Secure site for party on Wednesday, December 8 (Bob Nelson)

Action Item: Contact Diane Shaw to inquiry if she is interested in overseeing the event this year. (Jack Convery)

New Business

Digital Downloads – Jack Convery

There may be a potential for increased revenue if we could offer digital downloads of our CDs.

Action Item: Jack Convery will contact Bud Pearce to obtain information on the process involved and revenue breakdown.

Club Picnic Option – Garry Kerr

A letter presented to the board for discussion is part of the official minutes but has been omitted here due to space constraints. For a copy please contact June Rosploch, EBBC Secretary.

Key items were:

- ⇒ Is attendance down because of distance to travel
- ⇒ Would a public location raise public visibility
- ⇒ What about 2 picnics during the year; Landers Landing and local public park

Action Item: Announce at break the idea of 2 picnics to determine interest. (Bob Malucelli)

Action Item: Encourage at break the idea of car pooling as an alternate transportation suggestion for the August picnic. (Bob Malucelli)

David Paul Findlay Memorial

It is the family wishes that any memorial gifts be made to Vitas Hospice of Walnut Creek.

Motion to make a donation of \$100 to Vista Hospice in Paul Findlay's name was made by Bill Cooper / seconded by June Rosploch – approved 4/0/0.

Announcements at Breaks – Garry Kerr

- ⇒ Breaks are still too lengthy
- ⇒ Need to limit to club business
- ⇒ Encourage flyers for non-club play-outs

Summary of Agenda Items for Future Board meetings:

September

- ⇒ Honorary Life Membership – Board Discussion
- ⇒ By-laws
- ⇒ 8x10 Club Photo
- ⇒ Youth Music Camp – June Rosploch

Closing — Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 P.M. Minutes are respectfully submitted by June Rosploch

East Bay Banjo Club Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2010

Attendees: Bill Cooper, Bob Malucelli, Bob Nelson, Jim Blankenship, June Rosploch

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

Guests - Guy Black

Reports

Secretary - June Rosploch

Minutes for August 4 Board Meeting were presented

Motion to approve minutes by Bill Cooper/ seconded by Jim Blankenship– approved 4/0/0.

Treasurer Report –Bill Sullivan

No year to date balance sheet was reported for the club financial monthly & year-to-date status.

The last full financial report was presented by June Rosploch for Bill Sullivan at the April 7, 2010 board meeting which reflected a February ending balance of \$10,157.00.

Outstanding Action Item: A reconciled financial report to be provided before September board meeting. (Bill Sullivan)

Action Item: Obtaining a current financial report is being pursued. Bob Nelson will contact Jack Convery and Bill Cooper will contact Bill Sullivan in an attempt to resolve this issue without further board action.

Booking Report - Bob Nelson

Gigs booked for 2010 - YTD total of 28 (22 Paid, 6 Free)

CDs – 7 Sold for an in stock total of 126

CD Baby – No Activity

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

EBBC Summer Jazz Banjo Festival

Any leftover beer and wine should be made available at the club picnic but it is not clear if there were any leftovers or who may have

them.

At this time it is also unclear who has the leftover 2010 event t-shirts or how many were not sold.

The Board unanimously approved the 14 members listed below to serve on the event committee with Bill Cooper serving as Acting Chairperson for the first committee meeting.

The 14 volunteers are: Guy and Mary Black, Dorothy Cahill, Bill Cooper, Lynne Deutscher, Bill Dowling, Don Granberg, Ardie Jarrett, Bobbie Landers, Mickie McDonald, Kit Nelson, John and June Rosploch, Sheila Welt.

Old Business

Club Photo – Bill Sullivan

Outstanding Action Item: Bill Sullivan will verify if the agreement was for the 2 photos or is there a CD of the photo shoot still pending.

Club Banner-Jim Blankenship

The new banner is displayed on the wall for all patrons to see at the pizza establishment. Great job Jim Blankenship.

Club Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Classification

Outstanding Action Item: June 2, 2010 - Bill Sullivan will forward all required documentation including filling instructions to the Secretary, June Rosploch to file with the IRS so the club can be change from the recognized 501 (c) (7) corporation of 1971 to a 501 (c)(4) which was to be filed in 1997.

Club Xmas party

Bob Nelson secured Wednesday, December 8 for the annual EBBC Business Meeting and Christmas Party.

Mickie McDonald will approach Diane Shaw to verify Diane will not be chairing the Christmas Party and to make arrangements to obtain the 2 boxes of decorations.

Digital Downloads – Jack Convery

Outstanding Action Item: Jack Convery will contact Bud Pearce to obtain informa-

tion on the process involved and revenue breakdown digital download capabilities.

Sound System – Bill Cooper

With an additional microphone and two new microphone cords the final cost of the new sound system was an additional \$281.68.

Motion to approve payment of overage by Bob Nelson/ seconded by Jim Blankenship – approved 4/0/0

New Business

Membership Category – Bill Cooper, June Rosploch

There were two versions of verbiage presented to the Board for Membership; Regular, Life, Junior, and Honorary.

The areas which differ are the number of membership classifications, Voting Rights, and Who Can Hold Office.

Below outlines the different verbiage:

Classification of Member (Option 1)

1. There is only the one classification of membership, Regular Membership which is available to any person 18 years of age or older who elects to avail him or herself of all privileges of the club upon payment of dues, including the right to vote and hold office.

2. Life membership may be awarded by a unanimous yes vote of the Board of Directors to a member of not less than 5 years continuous membership to the club, and who has performed special meritorious service to the club. The title shall be conferred for life. Life members shall be exempt from payment of dues, shall be considered Regular Members, and shall have the right to vote and hold office.

3. Junior membership shall be available to persons under the age of 18 years and shall be considered Regular Membership. Junior members may vote and hold office. Dues for junior members, if any, shall be set by the Board of Directors and may be different than for Regular members.

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4. Honorary membership may be awarded by a unanimous ye a vote of the Board of directors to anyone who has made an outstanding service contribution to the club or to the banjo. The title shall be conferred for life. An Honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues, and shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Honorary members may become Regular members upon payment of dues without jeopardy to hi/her status as an Honorary Member.

Classification of Member (Option 2)

There are four classifications of membership; Regular, Honorary, Life, and Junior.

1. Regular Membership is available to any person 18 years of age or older who elects to avail him or herself of all privileges of the club upon payment of dues, including the right to vote and hold office.

2. Honorary membership may be awarded by a unanimous vote of the Board to a widow or non-player who has made an outstanding service contribution to the club. The title shall be conferred for life. An honorary member shall be exempt from payment of dues, and shall not have the right to vote or hold office. Honorary members may become a Regular member without jeopardy to his/her status as an honorary member.

3. Life membership may be awarded by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to a member of not less than 5 years continuous membership to the club, and who has performed special meritorious service to the club. The title shall be conferred for life. Life member shall be exempt from payment of dues, and shall have the right to vote or hold office.

4. Junior membership shall be available

to persons under the age of 18 years. Parents of junior members will be responsible for that junior member at all club activists. Junior member shall be exempt from payment of dues, and do not have the right to vote or hold office.

The board remains divided on these issues.

Guidance from the membership will be solicited before any rework is done to the bylaws.

The preferred time table to have the bylaws ready for the membership ratification is the December 8 Business Meeting.

Action Item: Tonight Bill Cooper will announce the Board is seeking member's preference to help direct the direction to take.

Warranty

The Secretary will maintain all warranty records as part to the club records.

Action Item: Bill Cooper will turn over the new sound system warranties to June Rosploch.

Summary of Agenda Items for Future Board meetings:

October

EBBC 2011 Summer Jazz Banjo Festival
8x10 Club Photo

Nomination Committee

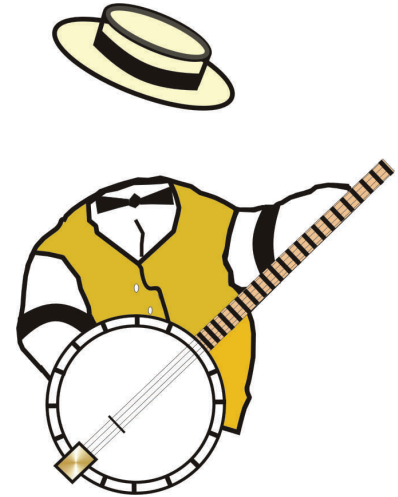
Bylaws Committee

Youth Music Camp – June Rosploch

Closing

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Minutes are respectfully submitted by
June Rosploch



Odds and Ends—By Gerry Kerr

If practice makes perfect, and nobody's perfect, why practice?

No piece of paper can be folded more than 7 times. Go ahead, try it.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the "terminal"?



August Detailed Financial Report

Income	July	Year to Date
Dues	\$20.00	\$800.00
Play-outs	800.00	2,650.00
Summer Festival	11,621.00	11,621.00
CD Baby Sales	0	20.29
CD Sales	45.00	180.00
Music Books	25.00	125.00
Banjo Sales	25.00	175.00
Vests	0	282/15
Polo Shirts	0	525.00
Corporate Donations	0	41.00
Misc/Private Donations	19.00	79.00
Other Misc	0	330.00
Total	\$12,530.00	\$16,828.44
Expenses		
Admin Expenses	\$55.00	\$244.56
Summer Jazz Festival	11,732.00	11,732.00
Used Banjo	0	500.00
Banjorama	0	656.00
Discretion Expenses	0	117.40
Equipment	0	137.03
Music Books	0	134.83
Newsletter	71.00	188.06
Polo Shirts	0	285.14
Promotional	150.00	150.00
Vests	30.00	417.76
Total	\$11,888.00	\$14,562.78

Board Positions**President**-Jack Convery (president@eastbaybanjo.org)**Vice President**-Bob Malucelli(vicepresident@eastbaybanjolorg)**Secretary**-June Rosploch (secretary@eastbaybanjo.org)**Treasurer**-Bill Sullivan (treasurer@eastbaybanjo.org)**Music Director**-Bill Cooper (musicdirector@eastbaybanjo.org)**Immediate Past President**-Jim Blankenship (pastpresident@eastbaybanjo.org)**Booking Agent** -Bob Nelson (bookingagent@eastbaybanjo.org)**Non-Board Positions****Assistant Music Directors**-Betty David, Larry Risner (lrisner@sbcglobal.net), Jack Convery (president@eastbaybanjo.org)**Web Master**-John Rosploch (webmaster@eastbaybanjo.org)**Newsletter Editor/Publisher**-June Rosploch (editor@eastbaybanjo.org)**Membership**-Sheila Welt (membership@eastbaybanjo.org)**Hospitality**-Mickie McDonald**Librarian**-Jim Blankenship (pastpresident@eastbaybanjo.org)**EBBC 2010 Summer Jazz Festival Co-Chairs**-Bill Sullivan (treasurer@eastbaybanjo.org), Jack Convery (president@eastbaybanjo.org)