



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB



EBBC Membership **SINCE 1963**

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Membership Newsletter

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2011 Play-out Schedule

⇒ Tuesday, April 26

Retired Military Wives,
Boundary Oaks, 12:45-1:45
PM - Gold Vest

⇒ Friday, April 29

Concord Senior Club
Dinner, 5:30-6:30PM - Gold
Vest

⇒ Saturday, May 14

Moraga Community Faire
Blue Polo

⇒ Monday, May 30

Montecito (Aegis of Concord),
12:00—1:00 PM
Gold Vest

⇒ June 11 / 12

3rd Annual Summer Jazz Banjo
Festival , Crown Plaza Hotel,
Concord

⇒ Saturday, June 18

Atria Valley View, Walnut
Creek, 6:45—7:45 PM - Blue
Polo

⇒ Sunday, Aug. 28

Stoneman Village, Pittsburg
3:00-4:00 PM Blue Polo

⇒ Sunday, Sept. 18

St. Anne's Society, Walnut
Creek, 6:00-7:00PM - Blue
Polo

⇒ Sunday, Dec. 4

Merrill Gardens of Vallejo,
1:00-2:00PM—Gold Vest

⇒ Saturday, Dec. 17

Rossmoor Tennis Club
Christmas Party, Walnut
Creek, 7:15-8:15 PM - Gold
Vest.

Presidents Message:

So far this year we have had some great activities & play-outs at retirement communities, crab feeds, sorority recognition and the requests keep coming in. Every member contributes, in their own way, to the success of the club and I would like to thank all of you for making our focus not only playing happy banjos but also having fun in the process.

In addition to multiple colored club logo polo shirts there are now black wind breakers available with the club logo on them.

On March 26-27, the Sacramento Banjo Band had their Annual Banjorama. They really put on a well organized program. Our club was well represented with about 40 in attendance. With happy banjo music along with the banjo community camaraderie one could not help but be energized. My co-workers were wondering why I was smiling like a Cheshire cat all week.

We are now organizing our own **Summer Jazz Banjo Festival on June 11 & 12, 2011, at Crowne Plaza in Concord.** (Please check www.summerjazzbanjofestival.com). The website will give you updates, contact information, and you can now get on line & mail-in ticket sales there. **We need the assistance of all club members to please get the word out to your family, friends, co-workers, even folks you don't much care for, and anyone interested in Banjo music.** We would like this to be a fun and memorable event for all involved.

Remember to SMILE June Rosploch



**East Bay Banjo Club
Meets:**

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

For the most current play-out information visit: www.eastbaybanjo.org

or Contact

John Rosploch,

Booking Agent, email:

bookingagent@eastbaybanjo.org

or

Call 925-864-3692

June Rosploch Nelson with a our deepest his 5 years of service to the Agent. Bob in many different the many years. will always be hand with a We ALL Thank



presented Bob plaque to express appreciation for outstanding club as Booking Nelson has served capacities over We know that he there lending a SMILE! You, Bob!!!!

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**ORINDA MASONIC LODGE
CRAB FEED—Feb. 25, 2011**
Sheila Welt, Reporter



What a nice experience to entertain this group of men, women, and children. Families dined on crab (all they could eat) and the fixin's to go with it. The girls' organization (Job's Daughters) served those eating. There was a raffle table with wonderful goodies to win. Tickets were selling like hot "crab cakes".

We played a variety of songs under the leadership of Betty David and were well received. Those that enjoyed this play out experience were: Guy Black, Betty David, Jack Hurley, Terry Horner, Ardie Jarrett, Chris Lardge, Bob Malucelli, Mickie McDonald, Dina Melamed, Kit Nelson, June Rosploch, and Sheila Welt. Our support staff were Clyde Dedmon, Bob Nelson, and John Rosploch.



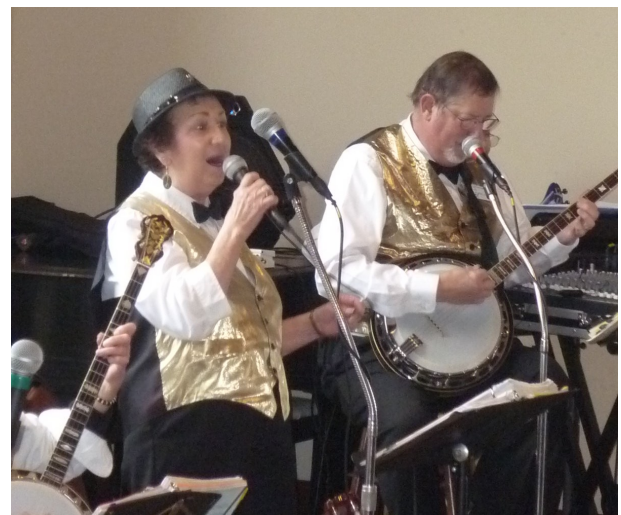
March 19th, 2011

**ADK Delta Council Golden Apple Award Luncheon
Mira Vista Golf & Country Club El Cerrito, CA
Ardie Jarrett, Reporter**

Since I am one of the newest East Bay Banjo Club members, so many of these play-out functions are held at places where I have never been. On Saturday, March 19th, we played at Mira Vista Golf & Country Club in El Cerrito. If the weather would have been better, the view of the Bay Area would have been even more spectacular. As we were setting up, I looked across the way and saw what appeared to be a bit of snow collected on the roof. It wasn't, just hail from the night before. We played for Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization of women educators. Sheila Welt is on the Delta Council Board, which could have been why we were asked to play. It was a very nice function to attend, play for, and help them honor deserving recipients with Golden Apples.

Our 12 players were: Bill Cooper, June Rosploch, Guy Black, Mickie McDonald, Betty David, Kit Nelson, Terry Horner, Tom Brunetti, Bob Malucelli, Don Granberg, Sheila Welt, and Ardie Jarrett.

Supporting members attending were Bob Nelson, Mary Black, and John Rosploch. We all had fun, and some of us had a very good luncheon.



Check out Banjo Rama Photos on the Eastbaybanjo website. Many, many good photos of the crew and happenings.

Sacramento Banjo Rama – March 24 - 27

Reported by June Rosploch

The Banjo-Rama performers came from all corners of the U.S.A. – Baltimore, Philadelphia, Orlando, The Carolinas, Oklahoma City, Phoenix, and California. I counted 6 workshop opportunities which started on Friday and went through Sunday. The workshops were; How to Convert Lead Sheets to Chord Melody by Dave Frey, Tenor Banjo Workshop by Mike Keuhn & Steve DiBonaventura, Turning a Song Into a Solo by Johnny Baier, Intros, Endings & Other Stuff by Cathy Reilly, How to Put on a Performance by Fred Finn, and Developing Your Right and Left Hand Techniques by Buddy Wachter.

The following are my cliff notes from the “How to Put on a Performance” by Fred (Mickey) Finn:

Logistical

- Before the event - Make a list and check it twice
- Get there way early and make sure all is right
- Use those plumbing facilities “before” the show

Technical

- Make sure instrument is clean, and in tune
- Always have an extra pick on hand
- Put your music in proper program order

Musical

- Stay in comfort zone for show
- Better to nail something less complicated and perform it with conviction and SMILE (avoid impressing 1% of the audience/musicians)
- It's safest to play upbeat and happy.

Emotional & Personal

- Clothes that fit says you care, so does posture
- Pay attention to soloists and smile as though you care
- Smiling covers up most mistakes

Sometimes the simplest things are the most important.



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More Banjo-Rama Pictures and Fun...



O.K.... So WHERE are the SMILES????



Now, this is a SMILE!!!!

3rd Annual April Fools Day Gig at Bay Park Independent Living Reporter: Bob Nelson

April 1, 2011

Pinole, Ca.

This audience is one of the best that any band could hope for. There were lively comments during the performance and plenty of applause during a song and at the conclusion, to recognize a personal performance, special effects or just their complete satisfaction of a job well done.

Music Director Bill Cooper, had an outstanding selection of music from his favorite composers; Sheldon Brooks, Irving Berlin and Walter Donaldson. MD Cooper, also had great support from Guy Black, Tom Brunette, Don Granberg, Terry Horner, Bob Malucelli, Mickie McDonald and Kit Nelson. The beat was consistent with Guy Black on stage left with his Ashbory / Black / Banjo String Base; on stage right was Terry Horner with his #3 Wash Tub String Base. Playing center-field was Don Granberg on washboard. Vocally, we were very strong; a real crowd pleaser was Bill & Kit's rendition of Sophie Tucker's "Some of these days".

In conversation after the performance with Bay Park's Activity Director, she said, "Our people love Banjos" we want you back; my response, "We'll be here whenever you Call". So it looks like we'll be traveling back to Pinole sometime in 2011.

Dominic Borchers

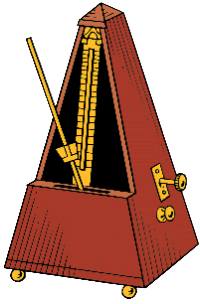
Dominic Borchers is 16 and has been playing with the EBBC for 3 years. His Grandfather, a former banjo player who lives in Arizona, heard about our club and thought it might be something Dominic would enjoy. Dominic was born in Steubenville, Ohio and has been home schooled all his life. He is currently studying American History, Spanish, advanced placement English, Chemistry, Tae Kwan Do, and 11 hours per week of music. Besides his impressive skills with the banjo, he studies the saxophone and has been playing the clarinet for 3 years with the Diablo Wind Symphony.



He also enjoys sports and takes part in baseball, basketball, football, volley ball, and soccer. He also coaches flag football. A delightful and busy young man, Dominic is thinking about attending Dallas Catholic College where his brother is currently enrolled. By the way, Happy Birthday, Dominic!

Reporter,
Terry Horner





Celebrating Our Birthdays

January

Lynne Deutscher
 Pat Wheaton
 Gerald Reeves
 Mary Black

Don Granberg
 Patti Patton
 Clyde Dedman
 Sheila Welt



February

Jesse DeTorres
 Guy Black
 Terry Horner

March

Garry Kerr
 Dick Neuman
 Chris Lardge
 Dina Melamed
 Jim Blankenship

April

Bobbie Landers
 Thom Cuneo
 Marilyn Spenst
 Dominic Borchers
 Jim Abele



We have a few other interesting bits of information about our tuba player, Jack Hurley, thanks to Terry Horner. At age 14, Jack is a freshman at De La Salle High School. He maintains a heavy class load with Spanish, English, Health, Physical Science, History, and, every morning at 7 a.m., a music class. He began to study music with the saxophone in the 4th grade, started the tuba in the 6th grade, and now plays in both the concert band and the marching band. He is a baseball player. He may move into playing the bass trombone and possibly the jazz band. He thinks he might become a special education teacher. Jack has been a teacher's aide since in the 6th grade, and he helped teach music to the 4th grade class last year when the program lost its funding. He has also spent time helping a developmentally delayed student in PE class. He has his sites set on college at Cal Poly, where his mom went to school, and /or possibly Notre Dame.

Members... Just wanted you to know...

We Are Missing YOU!!!



Chuck Cook
 Thom Cuneo
 Karen DeWeese
 Flo Hall
 Jack Hicks
 Betty Purchase
 Ken Purchase
 Marilyn Spenst
 Marilyn Young



Kermit Collins
 Clyde Dedmon, Cartoonist

The items in this column come from our readers & members. So if you have some information that you would like published, please let the EBBC Newsletter Editor, Ardie Jarrett know. Email Address: editor@eastbaybanjo.org



Other Banjo Group News Letters

It seems that I receive newsletters, flyers, and information from other Banjo Groups and associated organizations. These publications are very interesting and could be forwarded to you via Email. If you are interested, email me, Ardie Jarrett,

editor@eastbaybanjo.org .



East Bay Banjo Club's 3rd Annual

Summer Jazz Banjo Festival



June 11 & 12

at the Crowne Plaza in Concord

With Banjo Bands from Northern California, Young Musicians & the East Bay Banjo Club



Jam • Banquet • Workshop • Vendors • Show



Featuring
**Fred "Mickey" Finn
and Cathy Reilly**

www.summerjazzbanjofestival.com

For the most current play-out information:

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3 r d Annual Summer Jazz Banjo Festival

June 1 1 — 1 2 , 2 0 1 1

C r o w n e Plaza Hotel, Concord, C A



F e a t u r i n g

Fred “ Mickey ” Finn and Cathy R e i l l y
Returning to the Bay Area

Fred “Mickey” Finn - Piano Wizard - San Diego’s “Mickie Finns” night club drew over 3 million visitors in 14 years - leading to an NBC TV series, - 25 years in main showrooms in Las Vegas - played for two USA Presidents and produced 25 Network TV Specials.

Cathy Reilly - Virtuoso Banjoist - Former Miss Delaware, runner up Miss America, won talent competition on pageant, Voted USO Entertainer of the Year, First Lady inducted to the National Banjo Hall of Fame

H i g h l i g h t s

Saturday—\$45—12 noon to 10:30 P.M. Includes Jam Session & Banquet

Sunday—\$20—11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Includes Workshop & Show (Fred “Mickey” Finn & Cathy Reilly, East Bay Banjo Club, Happy Time Banjos, Oakland Banjo Band, Peninsula Banjo Band, Sacramento Banjo Band, San Francisco Banjo Band, Wineland Banjo Band)

Special 2-Day Registration \$55

**Crowne Plaza Hotel , 45 John Glenn Drive,
Concord, CA 94520**

Special Room Rates!
\$89 + tax /per night

**For additional information, tickets
or hotel reservations go to:**
www.summerjazzbanjofestival.com

Advanced Festival Ticket Sales

Make reservations now, space is limited.

For tickets send this section of flyer along with check payable to “East Bay Banjo Club” and mail to:

Festival Tickets, C/O East Bay Banjo Club, PO Box 5414, Concord, CA 94524

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Saturday \$45.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Indicate Banquet Entrée—

Grilled Breast of Chicken # _____, Grilled Salmon # _____, Roasted Vegetable Ravioli # _____

Sunday Only \$20.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Special 2—Day Registration \$55.00 X _____ = \$ _____ (please remember to include Entrée information)

East Bay Banjo Club Condensed EBBC Board Meeting Minutes**Date: February 2, 2011**

BOD Members Present: June Rosploch, President; Betty David, Vice President; Robin Reeves, Treasurer; Lynne Deutscher, Secretary, John Rosploch, Booking Agent; Bill Cooper, Music Director.

BOD Members Absent: Jack Convery, Immediate Past President

Guests Present: Mickie McDonald (Hospitality), Tim Perry

REPORTS:

1. **Secretary**—Lynne Deutscher
 - A. Minutes from Jan. 5 meeting were approved
2. **Treasurer**—Robin Reeves
 - A. Provided the December ending bank balance along with the January 31 check book balance.
 - B. Details will be shared with members upon request.
3. **Booking Agent**—John Rosploch
 - A. John discussed how organized Bob Nelson was as the former booking agent and very helpful with transition.
4. **EBBC Summer Jazz Festival**—John Rosploch
 - A. Information on how to purchase tickets is on the web site:
summerjazzbanjofestival.com
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Pat Wheaten and Marilyn Young will conduct the Annual Audit of the club financial records and provide a report.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Recognition Award
 - 1) A plaque was purchased to recognize Bob Nelson for his dedication as booking Agent for the past 5 years.
 - B. Sacramento Banjo-Rama
 - 1) The club will pay \$16 for every member that has signed up by March 15.
 - C. Performing Tips
 - 1) Stand up to sing
 - 2) Smile
 - 3) Look at the audience
 - 4) Only well practiced songs are to be played at gigs
 - 5) Have a standard list of songs for the year
 - 6) Have a list now and practice the songs for the Summer Jazz Festival

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The official minutes were submitted by Lynne Deutscher, Secretary



East Bay Banjo Club Condensed EBBC Board Meeting Minutes**Date: March 2, 2011**

BOD Members Present: June Rosploch, President; Betty David, Vice President; Robin Reeves, Treasurer; Lynne Deutscher, Secretary; John Rosploch, Booking Agent.

BOD Members Absent: Bill Cooper, Music Director, Jack Convery, Immediate Past President.

Guest Present: Ardie Jarrett (Newsletter), Mickie McDonald (Hospitality), Sheila Welt (Bylaws), Guy Black, Bob Malucelli

Reports:

1. **Secretary**—Lynne Deutscher
 - A. Minutes from Feb. 2 meeting were amended and approved.
2. **Treasurer**—Robin Reeves
 - A. The bank statement comes after the board meeting so ending balance information will be from the previous month
3. **Booking Agent**—John Rosploch
 - A. CD Baby has been out of “Hey, Mr. Banjo” CD’s since August 2010
 - B. 19 companies did digital downloading for a total of \$21.41.
 - C. The May 14, Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Community Faire is estimated to have 4000 people attend. We will perform and have a table; this will be good exposure for us and our Jazz Festival. Other community performances are being looked into.
 - D. The booking agents’ report was approved.
4. **EBBC Summer Jazz Festival** –John Rosploch
 - A. It is time to concentrate on selling ads for the program, and tickets to the public.
 - B. Deborah Black designed the 5 X 7 postcards
 - C. Jack Convery, if he decides to play, will not be paid. We are not paying anyone to perform except the headliner.
 - D. If needed, Bill Cooper will work up an act with the kids.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Music Scholarship—Sheila Welt
 - 1) The club will sponsor a scholarship for the Sacramento Youth Summer Jazz Camp.
 - 2) This is in line with the IRS “educational non-profit status”
 - B. Sheila Welt will take orders for black club windbreakers costing \$25.00.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Dues are past due, and those that have not renewed will be dropped from the roster. Jim Blankenship will be notified he is currently the most immediate past president and a member of the board until such time as Jack Convery pays his dues.

7. Proposed Budget for 2011—June Rosploch
 - A. The proposed budget was approved with minor adjustments.
 - B. A copy of the budget is provided to members upon request.
8. Newsletter—Ardie Jarrett
 - A. The newsletter will continue the practice of having a member profile in each newsletter.
9. Hospitality—Mickie McDonald
 - A. It was suggested that the birthdays be put in the newsletter.
10. The Annual Audit by Pat Wheaten and Marilyn Young is almost done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The official minutes were submitted by Lynne Deutscher, Secretary.



FIGA 2011, Oklahoma City - Hosted by the America Banjo Museum

July 13 – 16, 2011 - Sheraton Oklahoma City

The Fretted Instrument Guild of America – also known as FIGA – is a nonprofit musical organization with a worldwide membership. FIGA members – ranging from internationally recognized performing artists to enthusiastic beginners – all share the organization’s mission to preserve and promote the music of fretted instruments around the world.

In 2011, the annual FIGA convention will be held in Oklahoma City at the Sheraton Hotel in Bricktown from July 13th – 16th. During the three days of FIGA 2011 OKC, the music of over 300 banjo, mandolin, guitar and ukulele players from around the world – all attending and performing as volunteers – will be shared with the general public in both formal concerts as well as informal performances and jam sessions taking place at venues throughout Bricktown and other OKC locations.

For more information visit: <http://www.figa2011okc.com/>

Below are the revisions that have been distributed since August, 2010. Please make sure that you have the up dates, and, if not, see Jim Blankenship. Thanks. Bill Cooper

Went out 8/10/10

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Sweet Man	<i>SWEE</i>	F	Pinkard/Turk	1925	Kit			8/10/10

Went out: 9/1/10

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Dear Hearts and Gentle People	<i>DEAR</i>	F	Fain/Hilliard	1949	Jack C			8/28/10

Went out: 11/10/10

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Honey Pie	<i>HONE</i>	G	Lennon&McCartney	1968	Chris			11/10/10

Went out: 2/2/11

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Honey Pie	<i>HONE</i>	F	Lennon&McCartney	1968	Chris			1/29/11
Sweet Sue	<i>SWEE</i>	G	Victor Young/Will Harris	1928		GN		1/5/11
Chinatown (w/ verse)	<i>CHIN</i>	C	Schwartz/Jerome	1910				1/31/11

Went out: 2/9/11

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Honey Pie	<i>HONE</i>	F	Lennon&McCartney	1968	Chris			2/4/11

Went out: 3/23/11

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Til We Meet Again	<i>TILW</i>	Bb	Whiting/Egan	1918	Tim/Mk		WWI	3/23/11
World Without Love	<i>WORL</i>	C	Lennon&McCartney	1964				3/21/11

Went out: 3/30/11

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Vuvuzela Blues	<i>VUVU</i>	Bb	Trad	2011				4/1/11

Went out: 4/5/11

TITLE	LIST	KEY	MUSIC/LYRICS	YR	NOTE 1 feature	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	REV
Ain't That a Shame	<i>AINT</i>	C	Domino&Bartholomew	1955	Jack			
Ain't That a Bass	<i>AINT</i>	C	Cooper bass arr	1955	Jack			

Concord, CA 94524

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