



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB



EBBC Membership **SINCE 1963**

July-August 2011

Membership Newsletter

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2011 Play-out Schedule

- ⇒ **Monday, July 4**
Orinda Parade & Play out
Time TBA - Blue Polo
- ⇒ **Friday, July 15**
30's, 40's, 50's Club Rossmoor
6:30-7:30PM - Blue Polo
- ⇒ **Sunday, July 31**
Salem Care, Oakland
2:00-3:30P.M. - Blue Polo
- ⇒ **Sunday, Aug. 6**
Club Picnic at Lander's
Landing, 10:00 AM - ?
Your choice of Clothing.
- ⇒ **Sunday, Aug. 14**
Redwood Chapter, Eastern
Star, Santa Cruz
12:00- 2:00PM - Blue Polo
- ⇒ **Sunday, Aug. 28**
Stoneman Village, Pittsburg
3:00-4:00 PM - Blue Polo
- ⇒ **Sunday, Sept. 9**
Xenophon Riding Center,
Orinda, 6:00-7:00 - Blue Polo
- ⇒ **Sunday, Sept. 11**
Peninsula Banjo Jubilee,
San Jose, 3:40PM - Gold Vest
- ⇒ **Sunday, Sept. 18**
St. Anne's Society, Walnut
Creek, 6:00-7:00PM - Blue
Polo
- ⇒ **October 30**
Orchard Nursery, Lafayette,
1:00-3:00PM - 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:

It is hard to believe that it is time for the August issue of the club newsletter. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support in what has been a very busy year. I would especially like to thank; Betty David for the excellent job she did in making the 4th of July Parade a fun event and we are so fortunate to have the Lander's family open up Lander's Landing, their river get-a-way, to us each year for the annual club picnic.



With September just around the corner we are making plans for our performance at the Peninsula Banjo Jubilee in San Jose. Rumor has it our theme is going to be Smiles, Lies or perhaps One Word Tunes. Regardless, we are looking forward to a final song list so we can put in the necessary practice time to be comfortable with the selected tunes. Until Next Issue - 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**

Fond Memories...

For more pictures, go to eastbaybanjo.org

Lots of hard work, but lots of laughs also!





**Saturday, June 25th
Atria Valley View
Play-Out
Near Rossmoor**



Since this was very close to the 4th of July, we played most of the songs that we play in the Parade, along with many other Patriotic songs, that are in keeping with this time of the year. We were thrilled to have a former East Bay Banjo Club member, Dianne Shaw, in attendance. Our singers included Bill Cooper, Jessie DeTorres, Tim Perry, and Gerry Reeves. The audience seemed to enjoy our performance and would often sing along with us. Other band members were: Betty David, Buy Black, Tom Brunetti, Don Granberg, Dina Melamed, and Ardie Jarrett, who also acted as reporter.

Oregon Summer Camp

EBBC attendees were Sheila Welt, Garry Kerr, and Barbara Findlay.

Taken from Barbara Findlay's shared blog:



...”We arrived at the Oregon Trail Banjo Camp in Sweet Home, OR July 1st. There were around 60 - 80 banjo players, a couple of cut-bucketers, and a handful of washboard masters. Needless to say, we had some great music! The group would play from morning to the next morning! Can you see what Auntie Barbara's shirt says in this picture? If you can't, it says 'Member of the Blue Gin Club.' She became one of the new members. To become a member, you have to drink a shot of Blue Gin. By the way, the gin isn't actually blue; it just comes in a blue bottle. There were a lot of toasts and cheers. Mom said it sounded like a college fraternity party! ...”





4th of July Orinda Parade
And Concert afterward



I felt the excitement mounting as the straw bales, brought in by Bill Cooper, were loaded onto the flat bed truck starting around 8:30 a.m. on July 4th, 2011. Bob, Chris, Don, Bill C., Brian, and a few others loaded and lined them up. After taking pleasure with coffee and donuts, brought in by our vice President, Betty David, we decorated the float patriotically. We clambered aboard and played...5'2, the Saints, 4 Leaf clover, Bill Bailey, Bye Bye Blues, and a few more songs many times. We arrived in the Orinda village amid wild applause and hand clapping. The ovations followed us to the end of the parade and some of us made out way to the Library.

On the float were our sponsor, Mary Chatton Brown, bill cooper, Lynne Deutscher, Guy Black, Brian & Marco Green, Don Granberg, Betty David, Mickie McDonald, Tim Perry, Dina Melamed, Dick neuman, John & June Rosploch, Herb Moore, and Sue Horn.

Later, around noon, the club set up ourselves by the Library and played for an hour to passersby. The weather was hot and we played without shade. We were all glad to pack up and get into the shade. Sue banged out a good beat on her washboard to keep us together for lack of a bass. All in all, we passed on the spirit of the EBBC and made some good friends and potential players. In attendance at the Last part of our show were Sue Horne, Herb Moore, Lynne Deutscher, Don Granberg, Mickie McDonald, Jerry & Robin Reeves, Chris Lardge, Betty David, & Bill Cooper. If I missed anyone, I am sorry.

Special thanks to those whobravedthe het and sun at the library. You are reall patriotic troopers.

Don Granberg,
 Reporter



Orinda 4th of July Parade and Celebration History

Reported by June Rosploch

Early one morning in the winter of 1984, Dick Heggie, Bill Gross, and **Bobbie Landers (yes! a life member of the East Bay Banjo Club)** were sitting in the Orinda Association's cramped office trying to think of a way to get local residents excited about Orinda becoming a city. They needed to find a way to build excitement among locals – a way to bring the community together in a fun way while also educating people to the pros and cons of local city government. As Landers thought back to the hot summers in her home town of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, she remembered how much she used to look forward to her town's 4th of July parade, and why not bring that same sense of togetherness and pride to Orinda. Heggie and Gross concurred and Orinda's 4th of July parade and celebration was born!



The East Bay Banjo Club has participated in the parade and play out for years thanks to the generosity of Mary Chatton Brown & Associates, Inc.



The parade traditionally will leave the BART station parking lot and travel to the Orinda Cross Roads area (by the Orinda Theater) before crossing under Highway 24 to the Village area. The parade will travel down Orinda Way to the viewing stand in front of the Community Center before ending



at the Community Centre Park. We continue the day by performing in the patio area near the elevators.

Check out The Orinda News, July 2011, page 11 for a picture of us in 2010. [http://www.orindaassociation.org/news/ July 2011 Orinda News.pdf](http://www.orindaassociation.org/news/July_2011_Orinda_News.pdf)



Salem Care

Oakland, CA - July 31, 2011

Reporter: Sheila Welt

Those present were Bill Cooper, Kit Nelson, Bud Pierce, Tim Perry, Mickie McDonald, Don Granberg, Betty David, Bob Malucilli, Bob Nelson, and Sheila Welt.

This was a very nice venue, tucked way back in the Avenues of Oakland. The facilities were spacious and comfortable. The staff was helpful and pleasant.

This was a birthday celebration. The honoree was: Betty Watson. I believe it was her 93rd birthday. There were about 100 people in attendance and all had a great time. There were two birthday cakes, one white and one chocolate—they were Delicious! Betty requested her favorite song and sang along with it. We did a rousing rendition of WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN with everyone participating by clapping and singing along.

As a surprise for her guests, Betty played a wonderful song on the piano and a friend of hers sang. He had a beautiful voice. Sorry, I can't remember his name.

Other Play-out???

If there were others and you don't find them in this edition,
I will try to get some coverage in the next issue.

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For pictures of these play-outs,
you will have to go on line to our web-site to see.

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We will try to get an article and pictures of what happened
at the annual EBBC Picnic, which was held at

Lander's Landing.

This is always a fun time for all and Bobbie Landers and her family go way out of their way to make it so much fun. We all thank them so very much!



This is a very early Blue grass banjo. It is felt that the first concepts came from Africa with the Slaves. There is a wonderful Blue Grass Museum located on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia.

Every year there is a wonderful “Fiddlers Festival” held in Galex, VA. People come from all over, set up camp at the fair grounds, and the music goes on and on. They take pride in helping to promote Blue Grass music and have a whole day donated to the younger players.



Oh what a treat to visit the Amish area of Pennsylvania, Intercourse, Blue Balls, Bird in Hand, and Smoketown. The area is so laid back, lots of artist, and they also have Banjo Jimmie. He plays a tenor banjo and his partner plays a 6 string banjo guatar.

Put this on you list of places to visit!

The Peninsula Banjo Band's annual Banjo Jubilee is coming!
 All the details follow.
 Also, attached is a flyer with details and ordering information.
 Or visit our web site www.peninsulabanjoband.org
 It will be a great show.
 Hope you can make it, Jim Strickland

Banjo Jubilee Tickets Available

The Peninsula Banjo Band's 39th Annual Banjo Jazz Festival

will be held

Sunday September 11, 2011 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM
 at the San Jose Airport Garden Hotel

1740 North First Street (same location as last year) ~

A Benefit for Japanese Tsunami Victims~

Headliners ~ Cathy Reilly and Mickey Finn

Featuring

~ Charlie Tagawa

~ Bill Lowrey

~ Dave Marty

And Banjo Orchestras

~San Francisco Banjo Band

~Sacramento Banjo Band

~East Bay Banjo Club

~Peninsula Banjo Band

with

~Windy Hill Bluegrass Band ~Silent Auction Fundraiser~

Tickets Available Now to both the Sunday show and the Saturday Banquet

General Admission to the Sunday show

Advance Sales \$20 At the Door \$25

(Children under 12 free) Patron Seating \$50 ("up-front", reserved seating)

ALSO

Saturday Night Banquet & Headliner Concert (Saturday, September 10 -- also at the

San Jose Airport Garden Hotel) Pre-purchase required - \$50

No-host cocktail bar at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00 Concert following Featur-

ing: Cathy Reilly and Mickey Finn, Charlie Tagawa, Bill Lowrey, Dave Marty

For Jubilee and/or Headliner Banquet tickets send check to:

PBB 167 Lois Lane, Palo Alto, CA 94393

or call 650-323-1605 Attached is a flyer for the Jubilee and Headliner Banquet with complete ticket ordering information or visit our web site www.peninsulabanjoband.org

Please forward this to your friends.

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

All: I have shared with many members of the Sacramento Banjo Band that I have some Carpal Tunnel issue for which I will soon need to receive medical treatment. My orthopedic surgeon tells me that he will be able to fix me up fine. If any of you or your friends who play the banjo or some other fretted instrument have had to have Carpal Tunnel surgery on your left (fingering) hand, I am very curious to know how that worked out, in terms of how soon and how well you could return to playing your instrument. On another subject, I will have an interesting August newsletter for you before too long. I can still type - I have my wrist brace on as I type this right now. Jim Matthews

The Peninsula Banjo Band Forced to move
After a happy and successful run at
Cabritos, we are forced to move.
Starting Wednesday August 3,
the Peninsula Banjo Band will appear at
Harry's Hofbrau
 390 Saratoga Ave.
 (just south of Stevens Creek)
 Every Wednesday
 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 Please join us and bring a friend.



A Note From Czech Republic Friend Who Loves EBBC
 Sent to and by Bobbie Landers

Funny thing: I just got an e-note re one of our Friends in the Czech Republic. She is arriving for a visit in May with her Mother. She was the Chair of the Orinda/Tabor Sister City Club in Tabor before moving to Prague a couple of years ago. She is a neat lady, and we keep in touch. We are trying to figure out exactly which days & dates would be best for her to visit Orinda again. So Dana says to me...just be sure we can hear the Banjos while we are there!!!
 They love you in Tabor!

East Bay Banjo Club (EBBC) Condensed Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

Date: June 1st, 2011

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

BOD Members Absent: Robin Reeves, Treasurer; Jack Convery, Past President

Guest Present

Sheila Welt (Membership Chair), Ardie Jarrett (Newsletter Editor), Mickie McDonald (Hospitality), Jim Blankenship

Reports:

Secretary – Lynne Deutscher - Minutes from May BOD Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer – Robin Reeves – No report was given.

Booking Agent – John Rosploch – 1 CD sold, Donna from the Czech Republic turned in money for 10 CD's. Booking agents' report was approved.

EBBC Summer Jazz Festival – John Rosploch – Banquets and sleeping room sales are down with minimum support from outside of the club. Two ads will be in the Contra Costa Times. Food for both days has been arranged. EBBC Summer Jazz Festival report was approved

Membership – Sheila Welt – There is currently 67 members.

Hospitality – Mickie McDonald – Required paperwork for reimbursement is pending.

By-Laws and Legislative Committee – Sheila Welt – After the festival the committee will start work on updating the by-laws and other documents. Sheila has started gathering samples of other organization by-laws.

Old Business: Pending Action Items were resolved.

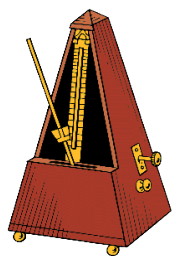
New Business:

Banjo Event Admission – The club will no longer pay for banjo events such as Banjo Rama and the Jubilee for members ahead of time. Instead members will pay the admission thru the club and only get reimbursed if they attend the event. This eliminates the club having to attempt to collect reimbursements from those members that signed up but did not attend the event. Motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The official minutes were submitted by Lynne Deutscher, Secretary





Celebrating Our Birthdays...

JULY

Brian Green
Darlene Harris

AUGUST

Bob Malucelli
Angelina Blankenship
Marilyn Young
Mickie McDonald



**Please take the time to help me by signing up
To be a reporter of one of our Gigs.
Thank You.**

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From 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**

At

Round Table Pizza

1938 Oak Park Blvd.

Pleasant Hill, CA