

# EAST BAY BANJO CLUB



EBBC Membership **SINCE 1963**

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## 2011 Play-out Schedule

### ⇒ **October 30**

Orchard Nursery, Lafayette,  
1:00-3:00PM - Blue Polo

### ⇒ **November 5**

Salem Care Center, Oakland  
3:30-4:00PM - Gold Vest

### ⇒ **November 11**

Monecito Oakmont Senior  
Center, 3:00-4:00PM - Gold  
Vests

### ⇒ **Sunday, Dec. 4**

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

### ⇒ **Wednesday, Dec. 14**

#### **EBBC Christmas Party**

Round Table Pizza  
6:00-9:30 PM—Your Choice

### ⇒ **Saturday, Dec. 17**

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

**For the most current play-  
out information visit:**

**[www.eastbaybanjo.org](http://www.eastbaybanjo.org)**

**or Contact**

**John Rosploch,**

**Booking Agent, email:**

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**[@eastbaybanjo.org](mailto:@eastbaybanjo.org)**

**or**

**Call 925-864-3692**

**East Bay Banjo Club  
Meets:**

**Every **Wednesday****

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

**Round Table Pizza,**

**1938 Oak Park Blvd.,**

**Pleasant Hill, CA**

## **Presidents Message:**

October is a good time to reflect on this year. As President it was my goal for the club to continue to promote the 4 string banjo through its music and as a means for learning & education while being a fun filled experience. I think we all have played a big part in making that a reality.

The nominating committee is preparing to present the 2012 slate of officers in November. This slate includes President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Music Director. Those interested or would like more information about the duties of the officers please contact Mickey McDonald at 925-861-6922 or June Rosploch at 925-864-4323.

Plans are under way for our annual Business Meeting / Christmas Party. The event will be December 14, at the Round Table Pizza Parlor on Oak Park Boulevard in Pleasant Hill. The agenda is Dinner at 6:00 P.M., Business at 7:00 P.M. followed by Christmas music at 7:30 P.M. The club will provide pizza and drinks (soda, beer, and wine) at no cost for members and a guest each. The business portion of the evening will consist of voting on the updated by-laws, election of 2012 Officers, with closing remarks by the 2011 President. A brief intermission will follow while the room is turned into our regular playing floor plan when we will close the evening by playing and singing Christmas music. If you are planning on attending this event please sign the sign-up sheet or call Mickey McDonald at 925-861-6922 or June Rosploch at 925-864-4323 so we can provide an accurate head count to the pizza parlor for the food.

Until Next Issue - Remember to SMILE..... June Rosploch



## Play Out at Stoneman Village in Pittsburg

August 28, 2011

Guy Black, Reporter

This was a very successful play-out. There were seven EBBC musicians in attendance. We may have been a small group, however we were “mighty”.

The residence's of Stoneman Village and their guests enjoyed our group and also sang along and clapped in time to our music.

Betty David was our inspiring leader, and did a terrific job as usual. Guy Black was our bass player and “Master of the Beat”. He also manned our sound system. Mickie McDonald sang wonderful renditions of “MA” and “GOD BLESS AMERICA”, as well as playing banjo and singing harmony. Sheila Welt sang on several songs with Mickie providing harmony, she also played the banjo. The three other men in our group, Tom Brunetti, Jim Blankenship and Bob Malucelli played GREAT banjo. Thanks to Bob for transporting the sound system from Bill Cooper's home and back.

The Entertainment Director invited us to have refreshments after the show. It was fun to linger and talk with the residences after the performance.

No photo's of this play-out were taken, as all of us were needed to perform.

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](mailto:editor@eastbaybanjo.org)

**The Peninsula Banjo Band, after a happy and successful run at Cabritos, is 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.**

Don Schumacher of the Sacramento Banjo Club,  
Has a Vega Vox banjo for sale, for \$2,000.

If interested, please call:

916-481-9776

**XENOPHON RIDING CENTER**

**Orinda**



**Sunday, September 9th, 2011**

No Reporter or Report

**PENINSULA BANJO JUBILEE**

**San Jose,**

**Sunday, September 11, 2011**

A great time was had by all.

We were honored to have Cathy Reilly playing with us.

No Reporter or Report.



## From The Back Row

On Sunday September 18th eight of the best banjo players this side of heaven entertained a big happy group of members of St. Ann's Catholic Church, just outside of the pearly gates of Rossmoor. While they were enjoying a Sunday evening catered sit down dinner Bill Cooper "amazed and dazed" them with our talents. What we lacked in numbers we made up for in alacrity.

I do believe this might have been the first time we had played there, but don't quote me on this. Bill selected an upbeat list of songs, some familiar and some new to them which were appreciated while they enjoyed their dinner. Chris Larger earned his stripes that night by singing three different solos. Toes were tapping to his rendition of "Five Foot Two," and a few guests were seen to be singing along to "Shanty Town." One of the benefits of sitting in the back row is I get to air strum some times and just watch the reaction of an audience. When he sang "Honey Pie" lots of forks were replaced on their plates while they just listened to this new tune with smiles on their faces.

Mickie McDonald was also kept busy singing our favorite Hawaiian song "Mahi Mahi." Appreciative applause showed the guests were really listening, sometimes we never know. Later on "Cuddle Up a Little Closer" was another winner. Lastly, this looked to be a Western theme dinner and Bill asked her to sing a duet with him on "Your Cheatin' Heart," and again some of the folks enjoyed singing along with this old favorite.

Our front row was very lucky to have Don Grandberg be able to join our little elite group. When ever he played his wash board cheers went up. One man actually came over after Don's first song to see how and what Don was playing. They also enjoyed an old favorite "Toot Toot Tootsie" and a few guests got up and danced to this music.

One song that really has to have more than just banjos is "Oakland We're For You." When Bill asked how many people moved here from Oakland many hands shot up. Don did himself proud on this number, and Bill & Mickie did not miss a note, plus keeping up a very fast pace. Bill's solo's on "Do You Know What it Means, To Miss New Orleans" & "Charleston" were received with generous applause plus several couples popped out of their chairs to prove they still could cut a rug.

Before I conclude this review two members definitely need to be recognized. Because we were such a small group we needed two excellent players to be spot on; not only on the notes but also keeping everybody playing at the same speed, and this Oscar goes to Bob Malucelli and Guy Black. Plus they were first to arrive and set up all of the sound equipment, check and double check mikes and it seems like miles and miles of electrical chords. Then when Chris and Don arrived they also pitched in so everything was in perfect working condition, and everything DID go without a glitch. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to EBBC.

Our closing selection was a perfect ending to a fun gig and left the group wanting more, we played "God Bless America," with Shelia Welt and Mickie singing alto and melody. Bill invited the guests to sing along which they did with patriotic enthusiasm. A beautiful ending to a delightful gig.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marilyn Young

Picture sent to me from Georgette Twaine. 1970 her band. Gary Kerr is in the back and Betty David is the right, front row...or left side as we look onto the picture.

How we change! Georgette in middle



(Group)  
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**East Bay Banjo Club (EBBC) Condensed Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes****Date:** Sept. 7, 2011**BOD Members Present:** June Rosploch, President; Betty David, Vice President; Lynne Deutscher, Secretary; Robin Reeves, Treasurer; John Rosploch, Booking Agent; Bill Cooper, Music Director;**BOD Members Absent:** Jack Convery, Past President**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30PM by June Rosploch, President

WELCOME: June

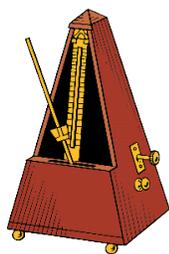
**OFFICERS REPORTS:****SECRETARY:** The minutes were approved as corrected. 4/0/1**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ending Balance: \$7709.24. The Treasurer's Report was approved a given. 5/0/0**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Lynne Deutscher respectfully requested resignation as Secretary of the Board of Directors. It was approved by the Board. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of Sheila Welt to complete the Secretary's term of office.**BOOKING AGENT:** John Rosploch reported that there were no CD sales this month.

Some people signed up for the Play-out and some for Mickey Finn. Bill Cooper will be the leader for the Play-out. The Mickey Finn Show will feature 4 EBBC members; Jim Blankenship, June Rosploch, Don Granberg and Bill Cooper. The booking agents report was accepted by the Board of Directors.

**WEB MASTER:** John Rosploch reported that the Summer Jazz Banjo Festival web page is up for renewal. It is \$11.95 for the year. John recommended that we renew to hold on the our web name. Moved, Seconded and Approved.**MEMBERSHIP:** Sheila Welt reported that we are holding at 69 members.**HOSPITALITY:** Mickie McDonald reported that she had no new business.**SUMMER BANJO FESTIVAL:** There was lively discussion on venues, catering, etc. for this event. It was moved by Bill Cooper that we not have this event at Hotels. Seconded and approved by the Board of Directors 4/0/0.**NEWSLETTER:** June reported that Ardie did a wonderful job on the newsletter. Thanking her for doing it while on vacation on the East Coast.**MUSIC STANDS:** Bill reported that two music stands were lost at the Summer Jazz Banjo Festival. They are about \$50.00 each to replace. Mickie McDonald reported that one was hers, and didn't need to be replaced. The board of Directors approved the purchase of one music stand.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

"TIPS AND TRICKS" Suggestions from our Music Director. Songs requested during practices should be ones that you want to work on. Bill Cooper will start suggesting hints during practices. Play List needed for the San Jose Event. June Rosploch and Bill Cooper will discuss and then provide a list.

**NEW BUSINESS****SUMMER JAZZ BANJO FESTIVAL FOR 2012:** Discussion on venue, catering, etc. It was suggested that we look into Susanna Street Park in Martinez. Cost: Approx.... \$250. This item was tabled until Bill Cooper returns. June Rosploch asked for a commitment to change the festival format to an "old town" festival; no admission charge, bands/clubs perform, and jam sessions for all musicians. The board of Directors made a commitment by a vote of: 5/0/0.**NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACTIVATED:** June Rosploch and Mickie McDonald. Bill Cooper would like to be Music Director again. Slate to be announced in November and the vote taken at our annual meeting in December.**BY-LAWS:** The By-laws committee will meet by the end of September at Sheila Welt's home. Committee Members: Bill Cooper, John Rosploch, June Rosploch, and Sheila Welt, Chair.**MUSIC BOOKS:** Those requesting Music Books will pay the Treasurer the actual cost incurred for reproduction of each book.**ADJOURNMENT:** 6:50PM by June Rosploch, PresidentMinutes respectfully submitted by:  
Sheila Welt, Secretary



*Celebrating Our Birthdays...*

**SEPT.**

Ardie Jarrett	6
Bill Dowling	14
Dorothy Cahill	22
Bill Sullivan	24
Bill Cooper	26

**OCTOBER**

Tim Perry	??
Julie Lawyer	13
Bob Nelson	22
Flo Hall	23
Marco Green	25
Herb Moore	26
Karen DeWeese	30



**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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