



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB



EBBC Membership **SINCE 1963**

November-December 2011

Membership Newsletter

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2012 Play-out Schedule

⇒ **April 12—15,**
Sacramento Banjo-Rama
Double Tree Hotel
2001 Point West Way,
Sacramento
⇒ **May 16—20,**
Arizona Banjo Blast
Omni Resort—Tucson

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



Presidents Message:

The song Auld Lang Syne comes to mind as I write this, my last Presidents Message. It has been a good 2011 year for me I hope the same is true for you. The Board of Directors worked together like a well oiled machine, members dove in and did what they could to support the club and all while we had fun. Thank You All !

Representing the club this year has been an honor. Accepting a proclamation from the Mayor of Concord, presenting Honorary Membership to Harry Higgins &

Life Membership to Betty David and Bob Nelson, establishing a youth music scholarship, donating a banjo to the local Pleasant Hill Elementary School music program and another banjo to Courtland School District middle school music program, presenting the club monetary donation to Bay Area Crisis Nursery and helping the local We Care Services for Children and Las Trampas School, updated by-laws, reinstated conducting an annual audit of the clubs financial records are just a few of the high lights of me.

Thank you all again and remember to have fun while sharing happy banjo music.

Keep Smiling,
June



Orchard Nursery

October 30, 2011



The EBBC returned to Orchard Nursery in Lafayette for a play out the day before Halloween, 2011. The weather was sunny, balmy and languid. We could sense the ghoulish excitement in the crowd. After admiring each others' costumes, we sat down and played some of our familiar songs, with Bill Cooper leading.

The costumes were inventive and original. Mr. Cooper came as himself. Bob Malucelli looked like Johnny Cash in his all black outfit. Marco Green was dressed as a space man or robot, and his dad looked like a punker. Better stop smoking. Terry Horner came as a war vet...not sure if Civil War or WW I or II.

Dina Melamed was superb in a toe to head enclosed black and white zebra outfit. After break, we took up our banjos and other instruments and enjoyed playing for our allotted 2 hour time.

Great singing by Bill Cooper, Mickie McDonald, Jessie DeTorres, and "the great Marco!" He has the words down just right for Obladi. A truly fun day and looking forward to this weekend for another gig.

A special hello to my Bernadette who was born on Halloween many years ago!

Don Granberg, Reporter

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Salem Care Center, Oakland

November 5, 2011

Reporter: Sheila Welt

Birthday Party for: 90 plus year old, Erich Bansner

A GREAT time was had by all!!!

What a WONDERFUL way to celebrate a Birthday.



We had a small, however, mighty group of players. Bill Cooper was our Leader, Lead Banjo and Singer; Kit Nelson provided vocals and played Banjo; Don Granberg played Banjo and Washboard; Betty David played a wonderful Bass, Bud Pierce sang and played Banjo; Tom Brunetti on Banjo; Bob Malucelli on Banjo; Sheila Welt on Banjo and Bob Nelson was our photographer.



Celebrities ... Young & not-so-young...



“The Green Team”...Anna, Brian, & Marco Green, along with Danielle Torres & Harry Higgins



Danielle Torres, Grandfather Harry Higgins, and Jack Dupen. Harry & Jack are in the Banjo Hall



Danielle Torres & Harry Higgins



This was a weekly practice that no one should have missed!
These guys were GREAT!



Let's Play Some Banjo... And have some Fun!



Pat Moylan was visiting from the St. Louis Banjo Club which he co-founded. Dave Marty from Novato, CA, elected to the 4-String Banjo Hall Of Fame in 2010. Dave Frey from Santa Rosa, 4-String Banjo Hall of Fame in 2009.

Bill Cooper on the far right and Jack Convery in the foreground.



Pat Moylan from the St. Louis Banjo Band, Dave Marty & Dave Frey, Hall of Fame .

With Charlie Tagawa of the Peninsula BB, the S.F. bay area has more HOF'ers (5) than any other region in the country. For more information about the American Banjo Museum and Hall Of Fame go to: <http://www.americanbanjomuseum.com/> Thank You Gerry Kerr for the info!

Monecito Oakmont Senior Center in Concord**VETERANS'S Day. November 11, 2011**

This year Veteran's Day occurred on 11—11—11, a date that won't happen again for 100 years. By then your great grand-children will be playing your banjo which, by then, will be worth more than one of Eric Clapton's old guitars.

The EBBC celebrated the event by donning their gold vests and playing for the residents of the Montecito Oakmont Senior Living Center in Concord.

We started the festivities with a 2 minute silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and "The Star Spangled Banner". The Warden then honored by name all the residents who are veterans, or related to veterans. All branches of the services were represented.

With that done, it was time for some music. The band kicked off with "America the Beautiful" followed by our Military playlist, all played with patriotic fervor. Then we hit the World War I playlist starting with Walter Donaldson's "How you gonna keep 'em down on the farm" and finishing with a number of George M. Cohan songs.

Time flew and before you could say Rip Van Winkle we were finishing the set with Woody Guthrie's "This land is your land" and finally, "God Bless America". Then the lucky residents drifted off for their version of "happy Hour" and we were left to cart the sound equipment down to the ground floor in a miniature elevator.

The band was led by our music director Bill Cooper and the happy troubadours consisted of Ardie Jarrett, Mickie McDonald, Bill Dowling, Chris Lardge, Betty David, Bob (the Uke) Maluccelli, and Kit Nelson, who also did most of the vocals. The rhythm section consisted of buy Black on his electric Strata-various bass and Dina Melamed on her super-deluxe-mink-lined washboard. Our support group of roadies and groupies consisted of Bob Nelson, Clyde Dedmon and Jim Abele.

Respectfully reported by Chico Grande, in the manner of Charles McCabe, The Interested Spectator.

PS Bob Nelson took the photographs.





MERRILL GARDENS OF VALLEJO

December 4, 2011



Once again, we seemed to be a smaller group than normal, but were happy to see Kermit show up to play with us. As usual, Bill Cooper was our band leader and also sang many songs, along with Kit Nelson. Our other band members were Betty David, Don Granberg, Mickie MaDonald, Guy Black, Tom Brunetti, Bob Malucelli, Bud Pierce, Kermit Collins, Sheila Welt, and Ardie Jarrett. Support team was Mary Black and Bob Nelson, who also took pictures. We alternated playing Christmas songs with melancholy songs. Our audience seemed to like the selection very much, and really entered in when Sheila lead the group in singing our last song..."When the Saints Go Marching In." Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and have a good time. Ardie Jarrett, Reporter.

ROSSMOOR TENNIS CLUB

Christmas Party

December 17, 2011



The Rossmoor Tennis Club really know how to throw a Christmas Party and when they do, they all have lots of fun. This made it even more exciting for us because their "Jolliness" was contagious. We had a large number of band members at this gig.....Kit Nelson, Betty David, Guy Black, Mickie McDonald, Don Granberg, Chris and Terry Horner, Bob Malucelli, Sheila Welt, Herb Moore, Pat Wheaton, Chris Lardge, Kermit Collins, Marilyn Young, Tom Brunetti, Dina Melamed, Ardie Jarrett, and our wonderful leader, Bill Cooper. Our support members were Bob Nelson and Clyde Dedmon. The majority of us had on Santa Hats, which added to the fun. We played lots of Christmas music, but then started taking requests from the group and finished with what is becoming traditional.....Sheila Welt leading the group in "When the Saints Go Marching In". Many of our band members even got up and joined in the Conga line. Ardie Jarrett, Reporter



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

This is a short column that I plan to be writing in our newsletter from time to time. I hope to educate and inform everyone about EBBC lore, banjo techniques, general banjo club culture and so forth. I hope that you all will suggest topics, because I am sure I'll run out of things to say before too long.

Today's column is about beginning tunes. I think any band sounds much better if everyone starts at the same time, that is, comes in at the same moment. Sometimes I feel like I'm steering the QE II because of the time it takes to get everyone moving in the same direction at the same time. When we start a song in drips and drabs, we don't sound like the professional group that I know we can.

Take out your book, and look at "Hard Hearted Hannah". At the front of the song there are three eighth notes before the repeat sign. The words say "They call her..." Those notes are called the "pickup." When I start the song, no one besides me (or the person starting the song) should be playing those pickup notes, including the bass. Between the choruses, you DO play those notes, but if you'll notice, the pickup notes are included in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd endings. Obviously they are not included in the final ending.

In comparison, look at "Happy Days Are Here Again". In that tune, there are no pickup notes. We all come in on the first note, where the lyric is "Hap-py..." And in that song, the first notes are meant to be played strongly.

Generally then, the rule should be that only the person starting the tune should play those notes before the repeat sign. If no pickup notes, start right on the first beat. Also, if there are not pickup notes, generally the tune needs to be started strongly, so be ready for the start. If you are a singer singing the first chorus, then you need to sing those pickup lines, too.

If you are playing in a professional group, the leader will count off the start, and usually one instrument will be designated to play the pickup. In a Dixieland group it is most often the trumpet, or, occasionally, the piano.

=Bill Cooper



EBBC Annual Picnic Held at Landers Landing



**Life Memberships to Bob Nelson
and Betty David!
Honorary Membership to
Harry Higgins!
Presented by June Rosploch**

*Happy Holidays and Looking Forward
To A Great New Banjo Playing New Year!*

For a clearer version of most of these Holiday Party pictures,
go to our web site, www.eastbaybanjo.org



Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Round Table Pizza, Pleasant Hill, CA

Board Members Present: June Rosploch, President; Betty David, Vice President; Sheila Welt, Secretary; John Rosploch, Booking Agent.

All Board Members absent: Jack Convery, Bill Cooper and Robin Reeves

Call to Order: 6:10 by June Rosploch, President

Officers Reports:

Secretary: Sheila Welt - The Sept. Minutes were approved as corrected. 4/0/0

Treasurer : Robin Reeves – Absent

Booking Agent: John Rosploch – Letter to riding club re: payment for gig.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sheila Welt – New Member Danielle Torres (Junior member)

Newsletter: Sheila Welt for Ardie Jarrett – Gathering information.

Hospitality: Mickie McDonald – Sending a get well card to Jerry Reeves.

By-Laws: Sheila Welt – Ready. The By-Laws will be mailed out by 1st of November.

Nominating committee: Mickie McDonald – Slate will be presented in November.

Music Director: Absent

Unfinished Business:

Summer Jazz Festival: John recommended that the incoming Board of Directors be responsible for this item.

New Business:

Annual Business Meeting/Holiday Party

Mickie McDonald is the Chair of this committee.

Dec. 14 will be requested with the pizza parlor.

The club will not provide salad this year.

June requested that the Board of directors allow presentation of life and honorary members, if the amended By Laws are approved. Honorary: Harry Higgins. Life: Betty David and Bob Nelson. Passed 3/0/0

All members will receive coffee mugs as a thank you for participation

School Program: Betty David is developing a small number of songs that children recognize. First song: Take me Out To The Ball Game.

Member Item: Garry Kerr recommended that we remove songs that are no longer played from our play book. June will invite Garry to the November Meeting. Item table until Bill Cooper returns from vacation.

Member Item: Sheila Welt handed out pencils for BREAT CANCER AWARENESS Month.

Adjournment: 7:03

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
 Sheila Welt, Secretary



East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directs Meeting Minutes**Wednesday, November 2, 2011****Round Table Pizza, Pleasant Hill, CA****BOD Members Present:** June Rosploch, President; Betty David, Vice President; Sheila Welt, Secretary; Robin Reeves, Treasurer; John Rosploch, Booking Agent; Bill Cooper, Music Director;**BOD Member Absent:** Jack Convery**Call to Order:** June Rosploch at 6:00PM**Board Reports:****Secretary:** Sheila Welt – The Oct. Minutes were approved as corrected.**Treasurer:** Robin Reeves – Beginning Bal. \$7,869.76. The report was filed for audit.**Booking Agent:** John Rosploch – The Riding Club paid.**Committee Reports:****Membership:** Sheila Welt – Membership is holding at 70.**Newsletter:** Ardie Jarrett – Everything is OK.**Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald – Everything is OK.**By Laws/Legislation:** Sheila Welt – Everything is ready to go for the Annual Meeting.

Copies of proposed by laws emailed, US Mailed, or delivered in person.

Nominating committee: Mickie McDonald – The slate for 2012 Officers is:**President** – Sheila Welt**Vice President** – Betty David**Secretary** – Ardie Jarrett**Treasurer** – Robin Reeves**Music Director** – Bill Cooper

The vote will be taken on Wed. De, 14, 2011 at our Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

School Program: It was suggested that we go to Senior Centers to put on educational programs. Contact schools to see if they would be interested in an educational program.**Surprise:** Ordered today. Every member will receive one at the Holiday Party.**Unfinished Business:** None**New Business:** June will check in with our music directors.**Member Items:****Garry Kerr:** Putting the EBBC Music Book On A Diet.A lively discussion ensued upon the suggestion that our Music Book is too large. This item was tables until the December 7th, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting.**Adjournment: 6:54PM**Minutes respectfully submitted by
Sheila Welt, Secretary

EAST BAY BANJO CLUB
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
December 14, 2011
Round Table Pizza, Pleasant Hill, CA

CALL TO ORDER: President – June Rosploch – 7:06PM

WELCOME AND THANK YOU'S: June Rosploch welcomed everyone. Thanked Mickie McDonald and her Holiday Party Committee.

BY-LAWS: June Rosploch - We will be voting by a show of hands for or against the proposed By-Laws.

Moved: Bill Dowling Seconded: Mickie McDonald Approved by membership.

June Rosploch called for a motion to approve the updated by-laws as presented.

Moved: Bill Dowling Seconded: Mickie McDonald

Yes to approve: 16 members

No to not approve: 9 members

The motion was approved.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS/GIFT: June Rosploch

Honorary Membership presented to: Harry Higgins.

Life Memberships presented to: Betty David and Bob Nelson.

Plaques were given to these members.

Gifts for all members: Every member will receive coffee mug in appreciation of their contributions. The Mugs have our Name, Logo, and Website printed on them.

ELECTION OF 2012 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President - Sheila Welt

Vice President – Betty David

Secretary – Ardie Jarrett

Treasurer – Robin Reeves

Music Director – Bill Cooper

Each slated officer was voted upon and unanimously elected by the membership to serve for the 2012 year.

WRAP-UP – June Rosploch thanked her 2011 Board Members for their dedication and service.

June Rosploch welcomed the new 2012 Board members.

June Rosploch then turned the meeting over to Sheila Welt 2012 president and passed the gavel to her.

ADJOURNMENT: Around 7:30PM (I was busy closing the meeting and didn't note the time).

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Welt, Secretary

East Bay Banjo Club
2012 Membership Form



**Dues are now payable in the amount of \$20.00 per member.
Youth, under 18 are Free**

Name: _____

Street or Mailing Address: _____

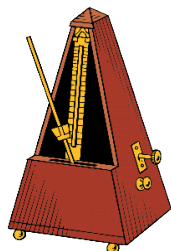
City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Cell number optional:** _____

Email Address: _____

Birthday Month and Day: _____

Please make \$20/member checks payable to: East Bay Banjo Club. Money can be sent to EBBC, P.O. Box 5414, Concord, CA 94524 or personally given to Mary Black, Membership Chairperson.

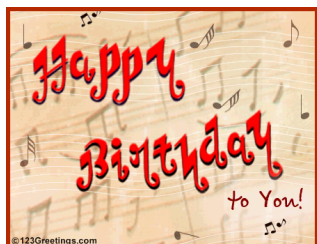


Celebrating Our Birthdays...

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Tom Brunetti		Deborah Black	1
Sue Horn	8	Georgette DeTorres	16
Chuck Cook	19	Chris Horner	28
Kit Nelson	20	Daniella Torres	27
John Rosploch	22		
Kermit Collins	29		



REMINDER

It's time to pay the coming year's
DUES!

Only \$20 to have SO much FUN.

Send a check to EBBC at P.O.Box 5414
Concord, CA 94524 or pay Mary Black, Membership Chairperson



2011—2012 EBBC Board - Out Going - NEW		Non-Board Positions - Out Going - New	
President president@eastbaybanjo.org	June Rosploch Sheila Welt	Assistant Music Directors entline@mac.com	Betty David Jack Convery
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Secretary secretary@eastbaybanjo.org	Sheila Welt Ardie Jarrett	Newsletter Editor/Publisher editor@eastbaybanjo.org	Ardie Jarrett Kasey Torres
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Music Director wcooper2480@comcast.net	Bill Cooper	Hospitality 925-831-6922	Mickie McDonald
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Booking Agent bookingagent@eastbaybanjo.org 925-864-3692	John Rosploch		

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At

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