



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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2012 Play-out Schedule

- ⇒ **November 17**
Czech/Slovak Christmas Party
Orinda Community Center
TBA
- ⇒ **December 7**
Salem Lutheran Home
2:00pm-3:00pm
- ⇒ **December 11**
EBBC Christmas Party
Bambino's Pizza
TBA

East Bay Banjo Club Meets:
Every Tuesday
7:00 pm- 9:00 pm
Bambino's Pizza
1895 Farm Bureau Rd.
Concord, CA

For the most current play-out information visit:
www.eastbaybanjo.org
 or Contact
John Rosploch,
 Booking Agent, email:
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 or
 Call 925-864-3692



Presidents Message:

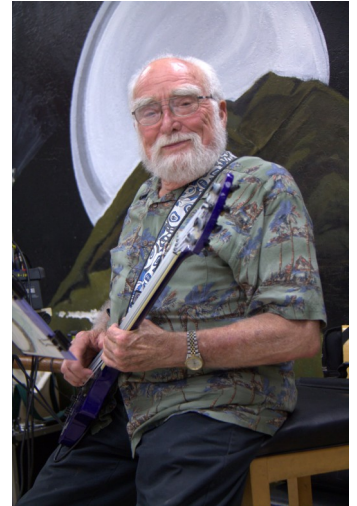
BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!
 It is that time of the year again. Costumes (even adults like to wear them), Treats, and in some instances Tricks. Have fun!!!! Then comes Turkey day when family and friends get together to celebrate the bounty that our wonder country allows us. It is time for the Nominating Committee to meet again. Hardly seems possible that it has been a year. If you would enjoy being on the Committee, please contact Ardie Jarrett, 935-1340. More happenings: Our Holiday Party and Annual Meeting will be held at Bambino's on Dec. 11, 2012 (mark you calendars). Invitations will be sent to everyone, be sure that we have your current email or address. Also, contact Mickie McDonald (831-6922) if you would enjoy helping with plans and decorations. It has been an eventful year for me, as president. My term started with a rude awakening! Get-



ting an email telling me that the Club needed to find a new place to practice, ASAP. With the help of a lot of club members we were able to find a new place to meet quickly. Bambino's has been wonderful to work with and has accommodated our needs very well. Our play outs have been well attended and everyone has done a wonderful job. Our music director, Bill Cooper has made some needed changes in our format for practices. We practice for the first half of the meeting and then have member requests for the second half. This seems to be working very well. I have also enjoyed opening up discussion for announcements to the general membership. Reminder: EVERYONE is invited to attend the Board of Directors meetings. Please take the time to read the condensed minutes included in the Newsletter. There is some great information provided. If, at any time, you have questions contact any member of the Board of Directors. Interesting information from Deering Banjo Company regarding the use of Banjo Straps. I recently purchased a Banjo from Deering and they send out these wonderful information sheets. Use a banjo strap. Some say: "But I sit when I play so I don't need one." (I thought that too). What that addresses is the weight of the Banjo. What this addresses is the ease of movement for your fretting hand. If you are supporting the neck of the banjo as well as trying to move freely up and down the neck as you play, your hand is doing two jobs. A strap that is properly adjusted will allow the banjo to be well supported and give your hands the much needed freedom for playing. I used my strap and it worked very well for me, I was surprised at the difference. I have learned a lot and enjoyed working with other Board of Directors Members and Committee Chairs. Our general membership is OUTSTANDING!

Keep Strummin,
 Sheila

A Typical Tuesday Night At Bambino's . . .



EBBC Summer Picnic

August 25, 2012

Once again, Bobby Landers hosted another terrific, fun filled summer picnic at Lander's Landing, August 25, on the Delta. We had folks cruise the Delta in a power boat, kayaking, eating fantastic food, and, of course, jamming with others on the deck overlooking the river. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this year's event, and we all owe the Landers Family huge thanks for sharing all that makes Landers Landing a very special place! Members attending the annual event were: Bobby Landers, Bob Nelson, Kit Nelson, Guy Black, Mary Black, Jim Blankenship, John Rosploch, June Rosploch, Garry Kerr, Philip Myers, Linda Myers, Bob Malucelli, Don Granberg, Betty David, Mickie McDonald, Sheila Welt, Simone Morrow, and Karen DeWeese.

Picnic Highlights:

A Three Hour Cruise – You know what they say, “What happens on the delta, stays on the delta.” Ha! Well the way the story goes is the last group of 5 women and 1 man to leave Lander's Landing for a quick boat cruise of the delta ended up being a 3 hour cruise. The boat skippered by Holly Burke; Last Mates, John and June Rosploch, and passengers too Merrily Taylor, Karen DeWeese, and Simone Morrow came to the aid of a family stranded out on the delta when their boat engine would not start. Just like a fairy tale this story has a happy ending, a successful SLOW tow to Lazy M marina and a quick 15 minute boat trip back to Landers Landing for a great barbequed meal. Thanks to all for saving us some delicious food.

June's Island - Many of you know June Rosploch is on a quest to find some water front property out on the delta for weekend get-a-ways. As luck has it she found her dream island! Pictured here is the peat bog that lodged itself onto the sand bar across from Lander's Landing so of course June could not resist claiming the island for herself. She is hopeful that the delta silt build up that commonly occurs will soon enlarge her island.

Parasailing - Unfortunately, due to the strong winds Buddy Burke was not able to give picnic goers a tour of the delta on his new parasail. We are hopeful that next year's event will be windless.



And the Fun Continues . . .



St. Agnes Church

August 28, 2012



Reported by: June Rosploch

The banjo strummers received lots of applause when they played and sang many of the old tunes from the '20s, '30s and 40s at the St. Agnes Church's August luncheon in Concord. Betty David led the group of 12 club members. Among the banjoists were: Betty David, Kit Nelson, Mickie McDonald, Bob Malucelli, June Rosploch, John Rosploch, Linda Myers, and Philip Myers. Providing bass and rhythm, we had Guy Black on bass guitar and Don Granberg on washboard. Bob Nelson and Jim Abele rounded out the team as our staging crew. The gig culminated with the entire audience singing to "When the Saints Go Marching In" followed by a pot luck lunch provided by the St. Agnes attendees.



East Bay Banjo Club 2012 Membership Form



**Dues are \$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.

Banjo's & Bingo

September 27, 2012

Reported by: Bud Pearce

The East Bay Strummers were able to bring life to the sleepy streets of downtown Brentwood. This weekly public event was billed as Banjos and Bingo, and believe it or not, the banjos were far more interesting to the few residents who wondered through the streets on a warm summer evening. Some stopped to listen a while, and others just stopped momentarily to smile and enjoy the happy music provided by the club. The free bingo had plenty of empty tables, even though the prizes were worth up to \$150! Creating excitement in Brentwood can be a challenge, but the hospitality of the folks attending and running this event made up for the apparent lack enthusiasm for the event. During intermissions, several folks came up to thank us and express how much they enjoyed our music. One of the event helpers even offered to help carry my equipment back to my car for me. WOW! That was a first for me! The stage was a huge trailer used for floats in town. Unfortunately, getting on and off the stage was a difficult task for everyone. Sheila Welt took a nasty fall to the sidewalk, but recovered quickly when approached by all that were acutely concerned. Next time, and we were assured we will be invited back, we must remember to have some sort of step ladder that allows for a safe and graceful entrance and exit from this stage. Among the performer at Brentwood's Banjos and Bingo event were; Jim Blankenship, Bill Cooper, Betty David, Don Granberg, Ardie Jarret, Chris Lardge, Mickey McDonald, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, Jerry Reeves, and Sheila Welt. Also providing excellent support to the group were Bob Nelson and Robin Reeves

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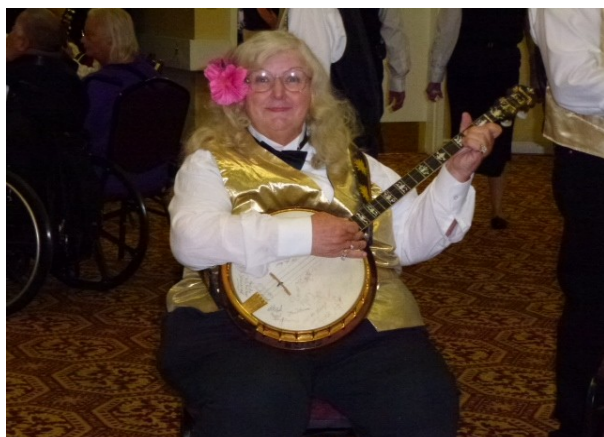
40th Peninsula Banjo Jubilee

September 9, 2012

Reported by: Simone Morrow

Pictures by: Phil & Linda Meyers

The Peninsula Banjo Band of San Jose, Ca. celebrated its 40th Banjo Jubilee. On Friday night, the members of the band always have a party and jam session at one of their member's home. Saturday afternoons are set aside for free banjo workshops by banjo professionals invited to play at the Jubilee. Saturday night is Peninsula's banquet night at the hotel which always attracts many people. The food is excellent, the fellowship is great, a few solos played by seasoned players and then the most fun of all, a free for all jam session. Sunday is always the big day performance-wise. The Jubilee starts at noontime with the SJ Peninsula Banjo Band as the opening act. The Jubilee's attendance averages about 100 visitors annually. The banjo bands that were invited to perform at the Jubilee were the East Bay Banjo Club, the Sacramento Banjo Band, the Kapalakiko Hawaiian Band, and The Jazzinators, a community youth band which is sponsored by the non-profit East Bay Traditional Jazz Society. Three unrelated professional banjo musicians were also invited for solo performances: Tyler Jackson, Denton, Texas played a variety of banjo music styles which marveled the audience. Later in the program, Tyler played some real jazzy tunes with his stand-up Bass. Bill Lowery, of Morgan Hill. Bill has been a member of the Peninsula Banjo Band for over 30 years. He enjoys playing in Dixieland bands as well. His playing is always dynamic whether it be on a banjo or on a guitar while accompanying a jazz musician. Charlie Tagawa, Peninsula Banjo Band Director for over 40 years! Charlie was inducted into the Four String Banjo Hall of Fame, in Oklahoma, in 2003. Charlie enjoys the challenge of playing difficult rhythmic classical numbers on his banjo for the audience. He always includes his son, Nori on banjo, and Mary Horne, a distinguished single-string washtub bass when he does solo performances. The Jubilee wound up with the Peninsula Banjo Band playing the final set. From there performers and members of the audience was invited to dine together at Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose.





90th Birthday Celebration Kensington Place

October 11, 2012



Reported by: June Rosploch
Pictures by: John Rosploch

Not only a rarity to be part of a 90th birthday celebration but how about the date: 10/11/12. East Bay Banjo Club banjo players present at the 90th Birthday Celebration for Martin O'Toole at Kensington Place in Walnut Creek were: Ardie Jarrett, Bob Malucelli, Betty David, Karen Hefter, Kit Nelson, June Rosploch, Bill Cooper, Mickie McDonald and Bud Pearce. On the gut bucket was Terry Horner and on the washboard was Dina Melamed. The enthusiastic pit crew was Bob Nelson, Jim Abele and John Rosploch.

Lyrics written to the tune Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah*

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay
My, oh my, what a wonderful birthday
Plenty of sunshine headin' my way
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay

Mister Banjo's on my shoulder
It's the truth, it's actual
Ev'rything is satisfactual
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay
Wonderful feeling, wonderful day, yes sir!

Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay
My, oh my, what a wonderful day
Plenty of sunshine headin' my way
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay

Mister Banjo's on my shoulder
It's the truth, it's actual
Ev'rything is satisfactual
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay
Wonderful feeling, feeling this way

Mister Banjo's on my shoulder
It is the truth, it's actual... huh?
Where is that banjo? Mm-hm!
Ev'rything is satisfactual
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay
Wonderful feeling, wonderful day!



*"Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" is a song from the Disney 1946 live action and animated movie Song of the South, sung by James Baskett. With music by Allie Wrubel and lyrics by Ray Gilbert, "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah" won the Academy Award for Best Original Song. It was the second in a long line of Disney songs to win this award, after "When You Wish upon a Star" from Pinocchio. For many years the song was part of an opening theme medley for the Wonderful World of Disney television program and it has often been used in other TV and video productions by the studio. It is one of many popular songs that features a bluebird ("Mr. Bluebird on my shoulder"), epitomized by the "Bluebird of Happiness," as a symbol of cheer.

Celebrating Our Birthdays...



September

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

October

Julie Lawyer 13
 Fred Finn 14
 Bob Nelson 22
 Florence Hall 23
 Marco Green 25
 Herb Moore 26
 Karen DeWeese 30
 Tim Perry

2012 EBBC Board	
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East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Tuesday, August 7, 2012**Place:** Bambino's Restaurant, Farm Bureau Rd. in Concord, CA**Board Members Present:** Sheila Welt, President; Betty David, Vice President; Robin Reeves, Treasurer, John Rosploch, Booking Agent; Bill Cooper, Music Director; June Rosploch, Past President**Absent Board of Director:** Ardie Jarrett, Secretary.**Appointed Chairs Present:** Mickie McDonald, Hospitality; Marry Black, Membership; John Rosploch, Web Master; June Rosploch, Scholarship & Special Event; Jim Blankenship, Librarian. **Those Absent:** Dorothy Cahill, Telephone Tree; Kasey Torres, Newsletter Editor.**Guest:** Karen DeWeese, Bob Maluecelli**Call to Order:** 6:01 by Sheila Welt, President.**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Secretary:** Minutes were approved as presented 5/0/1. No Correspondence.**Treasurer:** Robin Reeves gave her report which will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** Betty David, no report.**Past President:** Motion to allow members, who are not members of the Board of Directors, be permitted to attend and be allowed time at end of agenda to present concerns. Motion passed 6/0/0.**Booking Agent:** John Rosploch had not report**Music Director:** Motion made to have Renee Karnes repair one of the club banjos. Motion passed 6/0/0**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald had nothing to report.**Membership:** Mary Black reported no membership change.**Scholarship:** June Rosploch is preparing a blurb for the newsletter about the 2013 Summer Jazz Camp Scholarship.**Special Event-50th Anniversary:** June Rosploch will have recommendations for celebration at next board meeting.**Web Master:** John Rosploch had nothing to report. Sheila Welt expressed appreciation for keeping the web site and gig sheet updated.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Portable Sound System:** Further discussion at next board meeting about purchasing a smaller STAGEPAS with Rolling Case.**NEW BUSINESS:****BOD Motions:** Sheila Welt- it was discussed that all BOD motions be in writing and given to secretary, who will then be able to read the motion back before entering into a discussion and taking a vote. No action taken.**Electronic EBBC Music Book:** Sheila Welt-Larry Risner created and maintains the EBBC electronic music book. There is a cost associated with the electronic music book when providing CD updates. Sheila will research.**Newsletter Advertisements:** Sheila Welt- Sheila will research ramification if paid advertisements were included in the newsletter and report back at next board meeting.**FROM THE FLOOR:**

Bob Maluecelli told about a vendor making old fashion banjos using gourds and redwood for the necks.

Action Item: We all would like a master song list that will be used for all gigs. This will allow and encourage less experienced players to become more conformable with the songs.**Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM by Sheila Welt.****Respectfully Submitted,**

June Rosploch, Acting Secretary



East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Tuesday, September 4, 2012**Place:** Bambino's Restaurant, Farm Bureau Rd. in Concord, CA**Board Members Present:** Sheila Welt, President; Betty David, Vice President; Ardie Jarrett, Secretary; Robin Reeves, Treasurer; June Rosploch, Past President; Bill Cooper, Music Director; John Rosploch, Booking Agent.**Appointed Chairs Present:** Mickie McDonald, Hospitality; June Rosploch, Scholarship & Special Event-50th Anniversary; John Rosploch, Web Master;**Those Absent:** Jim Blankenship, Librarian; Dorothy Cahill, Telephone Tree; Kasey Torres, Newsletter Editor; Mary Black, Membership.**Guest Present:** Phil & Linda Myers**Call to Order:** 6:02 PM by Sheila Welt, President.**Announcement:** Guy Black is in the hospital and will not be with us.**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Correspondent:** Letters from "We Care" and Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society were read, thanking us for our generous donations**Secretary:** Minutes were approved as presented 7/0/0.**Treasurer:** Robin Reeves gave her report which will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** After a discussion, it was decided that the assistant music director could make the option to include a keyboard if she felt it would help the practice. We need more people who are able to play melody.**Past President:** June Rosploch had no report.**Booking Agent:** John Rosploch reported that we hadn't been paid for our July 24 Gig. John was pursuing.**Music Director:** Bill Cooper is working on the Master Song list. A base player was needed for Peninsula Gig.**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald would send a card to Guy Black.**Membership:** Mary Black was absent, but Phil Meyer reported that we have 80 members.**Scholarship:** Need to gather names of people who might be interested in Sacramento's summer camp.**Special Event-50th Anniversary:** A list of suggested activities was passed out by June Rosploch. Members are to pick 3 top choices.**Web Master:** John Rosploch sent a check of \$15.17 to "Go Daddy" for next year's web subscription.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Non-Club Announcements:** It was agreed that the President could make the decision on this subject with members agreement.**Electronic Music Book:** Sheila Welt found that no re-imbusement was expected or needed for this.**News Letter Advertisements:** It was decided to not have any advertisements.**Portable Sound System:** This was tabled.**NEW BUSINESS:****Standing Rules Committee:** June Rosploch agreed to act as chair of this committee. The committee would be going over the operating rules.**REMINDER: No Banjo practice on Tuesday, September 11th.****Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM by Sheila Welt.****Respectfully Submitted,**

Ardie Jarrett



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