



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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Membership Newsletter

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Upcoming Play Out Schedule

June 28

Stoneman Village, Pittsburg,
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

July 4

Orinda Parade, BART West Lot,
9:30 am-12:00 pm

July 13

Rossmoor, Walnut Creek,
1:00 pm - 1:40 pm

August 17

The Kensington, Walnut Creek,
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

August 24

Picnic! Lander's Landing,
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

August 29

Aegis Living, Pleasant Hill,
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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 payout information visit:
www.eastbaybanjo.org
or Contact
Phil Myers, Booking Agent at
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or
Call 925-932-3489

Presidents Message:

Have you looked at our website lately? Please go to www.eastbaybanjo.org and check it out. It has all the play lists, upcoming events, a blog of recent playouts, contacts, and back issues of the newsletters. There is more to come... Thank you Bud for a wonderful job!!!!

If you are interested in seeing a copy of the Treasurers Report or new budget, please contact Bob Nelson. This is a year of austerity, because of an insufficient transfer of funds from the previous year. Donations have been put on hold and members participating in the Banjo Jubilee will be responsible for their own entry fees. The Holiday Party and the 50th Celebration will be held jointly and members may need to pay for their dinners at this event.



Phil Myers is scheduling Play Outs and has done a great job of following up with venues where we have played previously. Please support the Play Outs - donations from these are what keep our Club financially solvent.

Karen Hefter will now take newsletter ads for members' sales of banjos and musical accessories. These ads will be free of charge and for members ONLY. The club will have no financial or legal responsibility for any transactions between parties.

50th Anniversary shirts are available to order. I have the order form; you can also call or email me. All checks need to be made out to EBBC. It is looking like it might be July before the photographer can make it out here again. I will keep you posted.

Thanks to Dorothy Cahill for setting up the Telephone Tree. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to do the phoning. Many hands make light work.

It is time to remind everyone to patronize Bambino's. They set up and take down chairs, tables, etc. for us on Tuesdays. We are also provided with our very own waitress, Emily (the service is OUTSTANDING)! I can highly recommend the food as I have worked my way through the menu. Thank you to everyone in the East Bay Banjo Club for being understanding and positive about the changes that are being made. This transition is difficult for everyone. We all handle this kind of stress differently, and I appreciate that we are being gentle with each other. Remember to "WELCOME CHANGE AS A GREAT ADVENTURE!"

Keep Strummin', Sheila

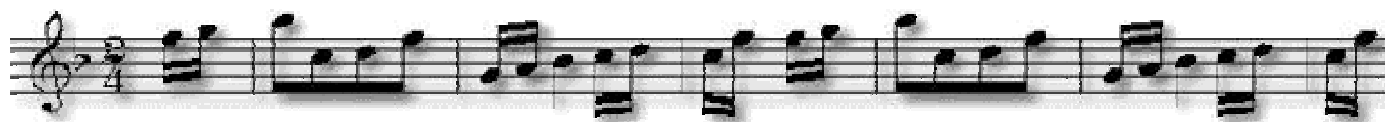
City of San Ramon Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet Playout

April 25, 2013

By: Bob Nelson

This was a very special evening to recognize those who have volunteered and worked so hard to support and enrich the community they live and work in. The event was a Baseball theme, including ballpark food like peanuts, popcorn, Cracker Jacks, hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, sliders, ice cream bars, and every other kind of ballpark food you can imagine. The attendees were dressed in their favorite team attire (lots of A's & Giants). EBBC was also decked out in their favorite team ball caps.

Betty David had a great selection of songs, starting off with "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," which set the mood for the evening. Betty had outstanding support, thanks to **Guy Black, Bob Hodson, Deb Hodson, Terry Horner, Garry Kerr, Chris Lardge, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Mickie McDonald, Dina Melamed, Herb Moore, Kit Nelson, and Bud Pearce.**



Delta Hawaii Memorial Park Playout

May 11, 2013

By: Don Granberg

Photos by: Linda Myers

We got started a little late, but we started out by playing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and "Bill Bailey" to a crowd of 100 to 150 people. We played from 7:40 to 9:10 pm to the enthusiastic crowd. We had dancers from the crowd enjoying themselves doing waltzes, the can-can, and slow social dancing. The crowd clapped to the songs and sang along to many of their favorites. We had 12 members playing out their hearts. **Garry Kerr, Ardie Jarrett, Sheila Welt, Don Granberg, Dina Melamed, Mickie McDonald, Phil Myers, Linda Myers, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli,** our leader **Betty David,** and our dazzling bass player **Guy Black** all attended this play out. Guy was also our main man for set up. Dina as well as Don entertained with their washboards.



Walnut Creek Senior Center Playout

May 24, 2013

By: Karen Hefter

Photos by: Bob Nelson

It was a gorgeous day in Walnut Creek and it was perfectly suited for a fabulous playout at the Walnut Creek Senior Center monthly luncheon. A big thanks goes to our set up crew, who arrived an hour and a half early to set up. We all joined the seniors for a luncheon of soup, hot dogs, and sides before our performance.

Jack Convery was our leader for the performance and he started off the show with the "Marines Hymn," since the performance kicked off Memorial Day weekend. We played several other patriotic songs, which roused the 65+ member audience and got their toes tapping. Jack honored veterans from the various armed services. Then, Jack went up and down the rows of the band, introduced each player individually, and gave them the opportunity to select a song for the band to play. We ended up with a great variety of songs this way and the audience was very appreciative. They sang along from time to time and there were reports of a woman in a wheelchair dancing on the side.

We had a nice turnout of players for this show, including: **Guy Black, Tom Brunetti, Jack Convery, Bill Dowling, Don Granberg, Karen Hefter, Terry Horner, Ardie Jarrett, Chris Lardge, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Mickey McDonald, Herb Moore, Linda Myers, Phil Myers, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, and Sheila Welt.** Terry and Don were featured on their washboards in "Coney Island Washboard," which was a real crowd pleaser, and Terry even sang! One of the interesting things about this playout was that it featured so many of our talented singers. Jack, Terry, Chris, Mickey, Herb, Kit, Bud, and Sheila all sang during the playout. Loyal club members **Jim Abele, Dorothy Cahill, and Bob Nelson** were in the audience supporting the performers.

All in all, it was a great playout and it's hard to tell who had more fun – the band or the audience!



Montecito Senior Living Playout

May 27, 2013

By: Karen Hefter

Photos by: Bob Nelson

Fourteen members of the East Bay Banjo club performed for a festive Memorial Day luncheon at Montecito Senior Living in Concord, CA. We played in a beautiful courtyard and the audience sat at tables that were decorated festively in red, white, and blue for the occasion. The only problem was...rain! This is NOT a normal occurrence on Memorial Day weekend in the Bay Area.

However, the performers and the audience were not turned off by a little drizzle and we went on with the show. Betty led the group in an All-American program for the occasion. With slightly numb fingers, we performed many patriotic songs and songs that are part of Americana. East Bay Banjo Club performers for this playout were: **Guy Black, Tom Brunetti, Betty David, Don Granberg, Karen Hefter, Terry Horner, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Mickie McDonald, Linda Myers, Phil Myers, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, and Sheila Welt.** Loyal club member, Treasurer, and photographer **Bob Nelson** was in the audience. Extra thanks goes to the set up and take down crew whose job was made more challenging than usual by the rain.





Merrill Gardens Vallejo Playout

June 15, 2013

By: Ardie Jarrett

Photos by: Bob Nelson

Merrill Gardens always seems to enjoy having us to come and play for them, and this early Father’s Day performance was no exception. **Betty David** was our band leader and chose a nice variety of songs that the group enjoyed listening to, singing with, and dancing to. Some of the songs that we played were, “Take Me Out to The Ball Game,” “This Land Is Your Land,” “California Here I Come,” “Bill Bailey,” and “Shanty Town.” Our singers were: **Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, Mickie McDonald, Don Granberg, and Chris Lardge**. Other members in our band were: **Guy Black, Tom Brunetti, Karen Hefter, Garry Kerr, Phil and Linda Myers, and Ardie Jarrett**. **Bob Nelson** was our support member and took pictures throughout the afternoon. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and have a good time and one couple danced to several songs!



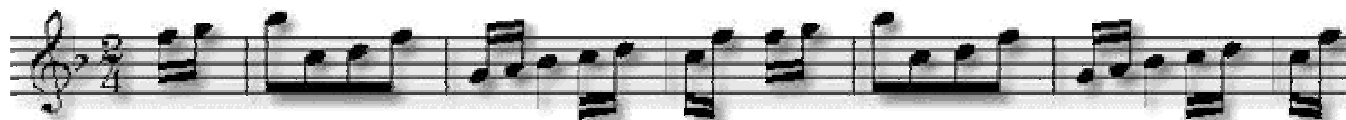
Quail Lodge Ployaut

June 16, 2013

By: Karen Hefter

Photos by: David Hefter

We had a nice turnout of seniors at the Father’s Day Ployaut at Quail Lodge, in Antioch, CA. Betty David was our leader for the ployaut and she started us out with our five “power songs,” which were: “Take Me Out To The Ballgame,” “Bill Bailey,” “This Land is Your Land,” “Shantytown,” and “California, Here I Come.” From there, we played a variety of crowd pleasing songs. We had a small (but loyal) group of players for this ployaut, including **Guy Black, Jim Blankenship, Betty David, Don Granberg, Karen Hefter, Ardie Jarrett, Garry Kerr, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Mickie McDonald, Linda Myers, and Phil Myers.** Don sang his signature song, “Just Because,” and Mickie really came through for us and sang many, many songs.





Congratulations to new Grandma (and EBBC member) Sue Horn, Bill Cooper’s wife, on the birth of baby Vali. Vali is named in memory of Bill’s sister. Bill passed away earlier this year and is greatly missed by all of the EBBC members, especially by his beloved wife, Sue Horn.

**Welcome to our
NEW MEMBERS!**



Education Corner

Want to improve your right hand technique? Check out this YouTube video of newly inducted Banjo Hall of Fame banjo teacher Steve Caddick demonstrating the "Boom-Chick" stroke:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qqpnGdHuHw>

Questions? Email Steve at: banjopal@yahoo.com.



Tim Kelso

Ken Williamson

David Hefter

Banjos For Sale or Wanted

WANTED: Vega VegaVox I plectrum banjo in excellent condition. Please contact Phil Myers at plmyers@jps.net or call [925-932-3489](tel:925-932-3489).

The East Bay Banjo Club assumes no responsibility for any transactions made through the For Sale or Wanted advertisements.

Newsletters From Other Banjo Clubs

The East Bay Banjo Club receives newsletters from several other banjo clubs. If you are interested in being emailed a copy of newsletters from other clubs, please give your email address to Karen Hefter, editor@eastbaybanjo.org.



East Bay Banjo Club

2013 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 Linda Myers, Membership Chairperson.

Celebrating Our Birthdays...



May

09 - Larry Risner
 24 - June Rosploch
 27 - Betty David

June

03 - Robin Reeves
 07 - David Hefter
 13 - Tim Kelso
 17 - Linda Myers

July

21 - Brian Green

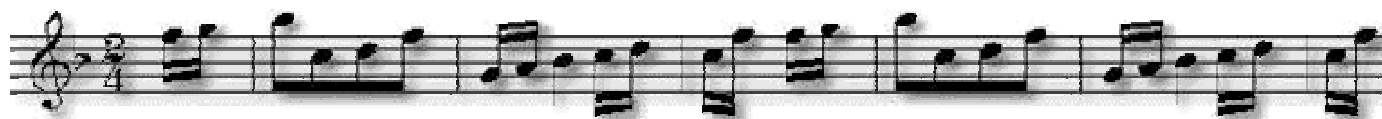
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East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Tuesday, April 2, 2013**Place:** Bambino's Restaurant, Farm Bureau Rd., Concord, CA**Board Members Present:** Sheila Welt, President; Bob Malucelli, Vice President; Ardie Jarrett, Secretary; Bob Nelson, Treasurer; Bill Cooper, Music Director; Phil Myers, Booking Agent**Absent Board of Director:** June Rosploch, Past President**Appointed Chairs Present:** Mickie McDonald, Hospitality; Jim Blankenship, Librarian; Linda Myers, Membership; Bud Pearce, Web Master; Dorothy Cahill, Telephone Tree**Absent Appointed Officers:** Karen Hefter, Newsletter Editor**Call to Order:** 5:01 PM by Sheila Welt, President**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Secretary:** March Minutes were approved as corrected 4/0/0.**Treasurer:** Bob Nelson- The treasurer gave his report and it will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** Bob Malucelli, was late and didn't give a report.**Past President:** Absent**Booking Agent:** Phil Myers reported on acquired gigs for the year, which basically is two gigs per month. We have 31 members signed up for Banjo Rama and the EBBC will be in the beginning of the of July Orinda Parade.**Music Director:** Bill Cooper – The banner is at Bill's house & has been fixed.**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald – No report**Membership:** Linda Myer – 44 paid members, 22 who haven't paid as of yet, and 4 who have dropped.**Web Master:** Bud Pearce – We have the domain name but all content was destroyed. Bud can make business cards for each officer if they need them. Wording on Page 3 was changed from "Board Members" to "Contact People". We will try to get a club picture taken at Banjo Rama in Sacramento.**Telephone Tree:** Dorothy Cahill reported that we need to update the roster for the telephone tree.**Summer Picnic Event:** Bob Malucelli – absent**50th Celebration:** Larry Risner & Bill Cooper – may combine summer picnic with 50th Celebration.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Proposed Operating Procedures—** Continues to be a work in process.**Summer Picnic at Landers:** Sheila Welt will discuss this August event with Bobbie Landers.**NEW BUSINESS:****Club Galley Sheets for Photo Roster:** Sheila Welt is working with her daughter-in-law to get pictures taken for a 50th Celebration roster.**By-Law:** Sheila Welt stated that the proposed change in Roberts Rules Article IV, Number 7 will be presented April 16th, 2013, for a vote of all current members who are present.**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Gerry Reeves is still recuperating.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM until the May 14th meeting by Sheila Welt.**Respectfully Submitted,**
Ardie Jarrett

East Bay Banjo Club CLOSED EMERGENCY Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Friday, April 5, 2013**Place:** 1466 Hartnell Ct., Concord, CA**Board Members Present:** Sheila Welt, President; Ardie Jarrett, Secretary; Bob Nelson, Treasurer; Phil Myers, Booking Agent; Betty David, Interim Music Director.**Guest present:** Linda Myers**Call to Order:** 7:00PM by Sheila Welt, President.**All observed a Moment of Silence in Honor of Bill Cooper, who died Thursday, April 4, 2013.****Ardie Jarrett was directed to keep minutes of this meeting.**

Betty David will be Interim Music Director and will lead Monday SIR's Gig. We need to define the Music Director's job and what we expect "him/her" to do and be responsible for. Having a professional player as Music Director was discussed. Betty David is open to change and we all are going to have to be ready for change. Selecting a Music Director is a huge decision and we need to set up the qualifications that we will be looking for.

Whose responsibility is it to get the sound system to the gigs?

Whose responsibility is it to find a lead player or a bass player and/or other players?

We have a lot to think about and put qualifications onto paper before we start looking.

Jack Convery said he would be available to help with the following gigs: Monday, April 8, Banjo Rama on April 11-14th, WC Senior Center on May 24th, Rossmoor Red Hatters on July 13th, Banjo Jubilee in San Jose Sept. 6-8, and Kensington Senior Center on Nov. 11th. Phil Myers will confirm his playing on these dates again, but Betty David will be in charge of this Monday's SIR's play-out and would like Jack's help. **Sheila Welt moved that Jack Convery lead the 5 play outs that he volunteered to lead. Motion passed 5/0/0.**

4th of July: Bobbie Landers will handle getting 16 straw bales & we will be the first in the parade. The City of Pleasant Hill representatives want to come & hear us play before making a decision to hire us for their 4th of July function. Phil will ask that this be put off for a week or more since our membership is still in shock.

We need volunteers to help Bill's wife, Sue Horn, during this time. A Memorial Service will be held at the mortuary in Martinez and with the East Bay Banjo Club.

To Do List:

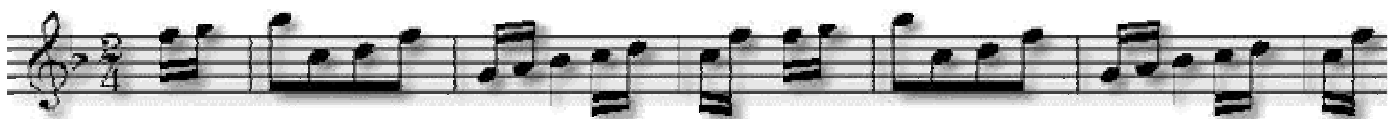
Phil Myer: Call Jack re: gigs he volunteered to do, Banjo Rama Tribute to Bill Cooper, exact procedures for SIR's play-out, and Pleasant Hill visit postponed for a week.

Bob Nelson: Pick up sound system, deliver sound system on Monday to the SIR's play-out, deliver sound system on Tuesday, April 9th and 16th to Bambino's. Make a list of persons responsible for sound system transport to Bambino's and other gigs.

Sheila Welt: Call Guy Black about looking into purchasing a new mixer; contact Concord Transcript about advance article for Sue Horn; contact Garry Kerr about article on Bill Cooper for the Resonator; get play list from Betty David for SIR's play-out. Email list to those attending.

Next EBBC Board of Directors meeting has been changed to May 14th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ardie Jarrett



East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013**Place:** Bambino's Restaurant, Farm Bureau Rd., Concord, CA**Board Members Present:** Sheila Welt, President; Bob Malucelli, Vice President; Ardie Jarrett, Secretary; Bob Nelson, Treasurer; June Rosploch, Past President; Betty David, Interim Music Director; Phil Myers, Booking Agent**Appointed Chairs Present:** Mickie McDonald, Hospitality; Jim Blankenship, Librarian; Linda Myers, Membership; Bud Pearce, Web Master; Dorothy Cahill, Telephone Tree**Absent Appointed Officers:** Karen Hefter, Newsletter Editor**Guest Present:** Garry Kerr, Diane Malucelli, Guy Black**Call to Order:** 5:01 PM by Sheila Welt, President**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Secretary:** April Minutes were approved as corrected 7/0/0. The Emergency Board Meeting (April 5, 2013) minutes were approved as presented. 7/0/0**Treasurer:** Bob Nelson- The treasurer gave his report and it will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** Bob Malucelli reported the sale of 2 CDs and that corrections have been made to the club banner.**Past President:** June Rosploch – no report.**Booking Agent:** Phil Myers reminded us to say that we rehearse at Bambino's and we are a social organization and not for profit.**Interim Music Director:** Betty David – No report.**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald – All is O.K.**Membership:** Linda Myer – 48 paid members, 21 who haven't paid as of yet, and 11 Life, Honorary, & Youth Members.**Web Master:** Bud Pearce – Betty David's play lists are now posted on the web site. The Newsletter will eventually be posted on the website and Bud is working on establishing a "Members Only" section.**Telephone Tree:** Dorothy Cahill reported that we need to update the roster for the telephone tree.**Summer Picnic Event:** Bob Malucelli – no report**50th Celebration:** No report. Further discussion at future meeting.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Proposed Operating Procedures**—Continues to be a work in process.**NEW BUSINESS:****Club Galley Sheets for Photo Roster:** Sheila Welt said that both individual &/or couple pictures will be taken May 21st at Bambino's starting at 6PM. Pictures will be used for our 50th Celebration roster.**EBBC Suggested Name Change:** a Motion by Sheila Welt, 2nd by Ardie Jarrett to table suggested name changes to honor Bill Cooper was tabled. Motion passed 7/0/0. We need to look at other options to honor Bill Cooper.**50th Anniversary Logo:** Logo was shown and we are looking into having it digitized and members can then buy polo shirts with this logo. Light Blue seems to be the best color.**FROM THE FLOOR:****Sound System:** Guy Black and Bob Malucelli are learning the sound system. Sue Horn gave Guy old cables & other sound equipment. We thank her very much. Special thanks to all who are helping to set-up, haul, take down and store the sound equipment. We need to put a microphone on Harry Higgins for the melody.**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM until the June 4th meeting by Sheila Welt.**Respectfully Submitted,**
Ardie Jarrett

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