



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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Membership Newsletter

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Upcoming Play Out Schedule

August 29

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

September 8

Banjo Jubilee, San Jose
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

October 12

Orchard Nursury, Lafayette
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

November 11

Chateaus of Pleasant Hill
10:30 am - 11:30 am

November 11

The Kensington, Walnut Creek
3:00 - 4:00 pm (Whew! Two
playouts in one day.)

December 10

Holiday Party, TBA

Be sure to check our website,
www.eastbaybanjo.org, for
up-to-date information on up-
coming playouts and show lists
and try out the new interactive
calendar!

NEW LOCATION!

East Bay Banjo Club Meets
Every

Tuesday

7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

LUIGI'S DELI

537 Main at Castro, Martinez

For the most current playout
information visit:

www.eastbaybanjo.org

or Contact

Phil Myers, Booking Agent at
plmyers@jps.net

or

Call 925-932-3489

Presidents Message:

I am writing this article from an RV Park in Dunsmuir, CA (just below Mt. Shasta City). We are in the trees and a river is close by. It is very quiet. I wish I had my banjo with me – this would be a wonderful place to play! Of course, everywhere is a wonderful place to play...

We have been practicing in Martinez at Luigi's Deli #1 for a month. What a wonderful place for us to practice! Luigi and his family plan special meals for our practices. Please try and plan your Tuesday so that you can enjoy the wonderful food. It is also great fun to eat together and socialize before practice. Luigi makes certain that our needs for tables, chairs, and anything else that we need is ready for us. Thank you Luigi and Family!!!



Please plan to stay for the Business portion of the Tuesday night practice. Updates on play outs as well as information on newly scheduled play outs are announced then. Luigi stays open late for us on Tuesday nights, so we need to keep on schedule by not needing to make announcements prior to the Business portion. We should finish with practice, etc. by 9:00 pm. Thank you for your help with this.

All of the information that is needed for play outs is on our wonderful web site that Bud Pearce has created for us. If you haven't looked at it lately, take a few minutes and get reacquainted with www.eastbaybanjo.org. There is a blog with articles, pictures, and video of recent play outs, song lists for shows, and an interactive events calendar with play out information and maps.

Guess I will go take Rose Poodle for a walk in the forest. AAAH, what a wonderful way to spend a vacation.

Keep Strummin',

Sheila Welt

Stoneman Village Playout, Pittsburg, CA

June 28, 2013

By: Bud Pearce
Photos by: Bob Nelson

What better time to have an ice cream social than on one of the hottest days of the year! With the temperature in the triple digits outside, the EBBC strummers got the residents of Stoneman Village Senior Center in a patriotic mood by performing a mixture of patriotic tunes and some good old traditional jazz. The residents seemed to enjoy the performance as much as the ice cream! The crowd rose to their feet on the last song, "God Bless America," ending the performance with rich applause to our final bow.

Gearing up the audience for the approaching 4th of July holiday were EBBC members; **Guy Black, Tom Brunetti, Betty David, Don Granberg, Karen Hefter, Garry Kerr, Mickie McDonald, Phil and Linda Myers, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, and Ken Williamson.** **Bob Nelson** assisted with set up and took care of the photography and video. Be sure to check out the home page of our website, www.eastbaybanjo.org, to see some video of this performance.





Fourth Of July Parade, Orinda, CA

July 4, 2013

By: "Washbored Don" Granberg

Photos by: Linda Myers and Edward Hefter



Wow! It's hard to believe that the year is half over. The 4th of July parade in Orinda was a lot of fun. We milled around the parking lot in the morning and enjoyed pastries until the truck and finally the straw bales arrived, as arranged by **Bobbie Landers**. **Edward Hefter**, **Bob Malucelli**, **Phil Myers**, and another hunk loaded the hay on the truck and we all helped to decorate the float. **Herb Moore**, **Karen Hefter**, **Mickie McDonald**, **Linda and Phil Myers**, **Bob and Diane Malucelli**, **Ardie Jarrett**, **Chris Lardge**, **Dick Neuman**, and **Don Granberg** played their hearts out on the songs selected by **Betty David**, our leader for this performance, and the beat was kept by **Guy Black**. We followed Boy Scouts, old cars, a Dixieland band, and a number of other groups through Old Orinda Crossroads and then through Orinda Village. Our newest member, **David Hefter**, helped keep the beat by playing his washboard. Although new to the EBBC, his amazing memory allowed him to play along with all of the songs without looking at any music! We all played in the heat until our fingers were numb and nearly melted. It was a lot of fun and everyone who participated had a great time. We would like to give a big "thank you" to our corporate sponsor, Alex Gailas and his wife from A.G. Realty, for supporting the EBBC in this parade. Be sure to check out the home page of our website, www.eastbaybanjo.org, to watch a video from this performance.



Rossmoor Red Hat Club Payout, Walnut Creek, CA

July 13, 2013

By: Karen Hefter

Photos by: Bob Nelson

The East Bay Banjo Club performed in the beautiful Fireside Room at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek for the Red Hat Club's monthly luncheon. The audience was wonderfully attired in purple dresses with red hats (except for those who were dressed in red dresses with purple hats to reflect that it was their birthday month). The "Queen Bee" started off the program by reciting a poem and leading everyone in song. Then she turned the event over to the EBBC, led by **Jack Convery** for this occasion. Jack started out by giving the audience some background history about the banjo and he kicked off the playing with "The Banjo Picker's Ball," which the club played with gusto. For the rest of the show, Jack invited each player to select their favorite song for the group to play. **Jack Convery**, **Kit Nelson**, and **Mickie McDonald** sang throughout the program. Both **Jesse DeTorres** and **Bud Pearce** belted out their best impressions of Al Jolson to the point where you would have thought Al was in the room! **Dina Melamed** and **Don Granberg** were featured on their washboards in "Coney Island Washboard" and **David Hefter**, the third washboard player, was shy and played while staying in his second row seat. Other players were: **Guy Black**, **Betty David**, **Karen Hefter**, **Ardie Jarrett**, **Bob Malucelli**, **Diane Malucelli**, **Herb Moore**, **Linda Myers**, **Phil Myers**, and **Ken Williamson**. **Bob Nelson** took pictures and loyal club member **Georgette DeTorres** was present in the audience.





Chateaus of Pleasant Hill Payout

July 31, 2013

By: Ardie Jarrett

Photos by: Linda Myers and Bob Nelson

What a wonderful gig this turned out to be for the East Bay Banjo Club. We played in a beautiful, shaded courtyard at the “Chateaus of Pleasant Hill.” The weather was very pleasant....in fact, it was a bit on the cool side for a change. We were in the process of setting up the sound when we were approached by a nice gentleman who started asking us questions. It turns out that he had played the Sousaphone with the club many years prior. Several of our members remembered him. It didn’t take long to find out that he lived close by, so we asked him to get his horn and join us. Oh, how much fun it was to have Jack Martens playing with us. His business card says “Music by Martens” and I think he is also known as “Music Man Jack.” I didn’t know that a Sousaphone could be played softly, but he was able to do it! **Betty David** led our group and **Kit Nelson**, **Bud Pearce**, and **Mickie McDonald** were our vocalists throughout the program. The other players were: **Guy Black**, **Don Granberg**, **Bob Malucelli**, **Diane Malucelli**, **Linda Myers**, **Phil Myers**, **Ken Williamson**, and **Ardie Jarrett**. **Bob Nelson** took photos. The residents of the Chateaus seemed to really enjoy our performance and the selection of songs. I think we will be asked back again.





Forest Hill Farms Playout

August 10, 2013

By: Linda and Phil Myers

Photos By: Linda Myers

Our gigs this year keep getting better and better! Our August 10th performance at the City of San Ramon's "Forest Home Farms" was well attended and fun. **Jack Convery** led participants **Betty David, Diane Malucelli, Chris Lardge, Tom Brunetti, Don Granberg, Bud Pearce, Ken Williamson, Guy Black, Mickie McDonald, Bill Sullivan, Herb Moore, Phil Myers, and Linda Myers** in a rousing performance.

The venue was a restored walnut drying ranch, which was converted to provide a place where the public could relive what it was like to be on a turn-of-the-century rural farm. The farm featured a tour of a historic home, a restored tractor museum and tractor rides, an organic garden, sheep being herded by working sheep dogs, old fashioned games for the kids, and an abundance of ice cream and root beer floats.

The East Bay Banjo Club performed for two hours for an enthusiastic audience of kids and adults enjoying the day. Our music fit in well with the overall theme and ambiance of the venue. At one point during the performance, Bud's chair suddenly collapsed, leaving him flat on his back. Players and audience alike were stunned and concerned, when suddenly Bud jumped up and declared, "Not to worry - It's all part of the act!" Indeed, Bud was fine and picked up the song as if nothing had happened. Singers Herb Moore, Mickie McDonald, Chris Lardge, Bud Pearce and Jack Convery kept the crowd wanting more. In fact, by the end of our two hours of playing, we had attracted a barn full of people clapping and singing along. It was truly a fun day and chances are very good we will be back to perform for them again. Be sure to check out the home page of our website, www.eastbaybanjo.org, to watch a video from this performance.





EBBC Summer Picnic, Landers' Landing

August 24, 2013

By: Karen Hefter

Photos By: Karen Hefter and Linda Myers

Bobbie Landers hosted the EBBC Summer Picnic at her beautiful home on the Sacramento Delta. Many EBBC members brought their spouses and children and several of Bobbie's extended family members were there as well. The food was wonderful – barbecued sausages, corn, salads, and desserts galore. There were all sorts of things to do, from holding down deck chairs and socializing, to waterskiing, pedal boating, kayaking, swimming, and exploring the crow's nest and its 360 degree view of the area. The afternoon air was filled with the sounds of banjos as the EBBC played out on the shaded back deck. Some highlights of the play out were when a student visiting from the Czech Republic sang "Beer Barrel Polka" in Czech with the band, when Sue Horn played her flute, and when one of Bobbie's relatives tried out a washboard for the first time. The weather couldn't have been better and this picnic was a fabulous way to end the summer. Thanks again to Bobbie Landers and her family for hosting this wonderful event (and to David Miller for driving the ski boat all day for everyone).



Education Corner



Those of you without a lot of background in music might find this series of lessons on basic music theory very interesting. <http://www.8notes.com/theory/>.

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.

FOR SALE: Gold Tone Banjo PS 250 Plectrum Special 4 String Banjo With Case, 16" resonator, Purchased new July 2010, all paperwork, \$800, Sheila Welt, weltbear@sbcglobal.net, 925-689-4643.

FOR SALE: Plectrum 1968 Vega II Pro with Case, Excellent Condition, all paperwork, \$1500, Sheila Welt, weltbear@sbcglobal.net, 925-689-4643.

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.

Welcome New Members!



Luiza and Alex Daberdaku



August

- 05—Angelina Blankenship
- 22—Alex Daberdaku
- 28—Mickie McDonald
- Bob Malucelli

September

- 06—Ardie Jarret
- 14—Bill Dowling
- 22—Dorothy Cahill
- 24—Bill Sullivan

October

- 14—Fred “Mickey” Finn
- 18—Ken Williamson
- 22—Bob Nelson
- 23—Flo Hall
- 25—Marco Green
- 26—Herb Moore
- 30—Karen DeWeese

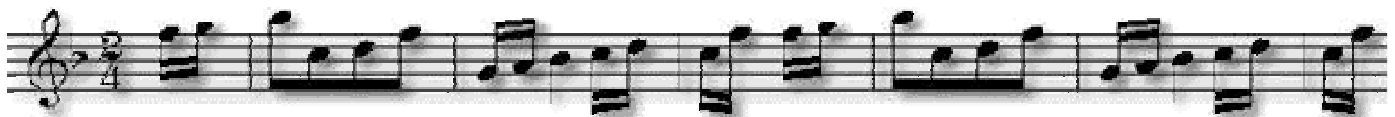
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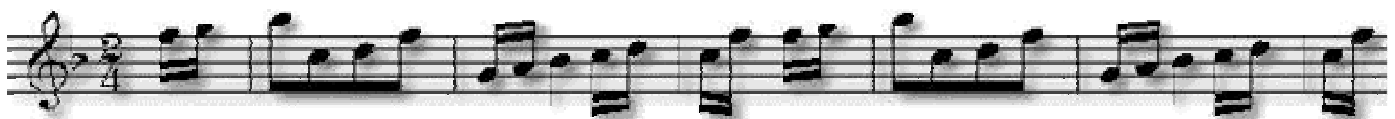
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East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Tuesday, June 4, 2013**Place:** Bambino's Restaurant, Farm Bureau Rd., Concord, CA**Board Members Present:** Sheila Welt, President; Bob Malucelli, Vice President; Ardie Jarrett, Secretary; Bob Nelson, Treasurer; Betty David, Interim Music Director; Phil Myers, Booking agent.**Absent Board Member:** 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**Guest Present:** Guy Black.**Call to Order:** 5:01 PM by Sheila Welt, President.**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Secretary:** May Minutes were approved as corrected 6/0/0.**Treasurer:** Bob Nelson- The treasurer gave his report and it will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** Bob Malucelli – no report**Past President:** Absent**Booking Agent:** Phil Myers – Need player for June play outs. Motion made, 2nd, & passed 6/0/0 to be able to advertise unwanted musical equipment would be o.k. and club would have no responsibilities.**Interim Music Director:** Betty David – No report.**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald – All is O.K.**Membership:** Linda Myers– 51 paid members, 18 who haven't paid as of yet, and 11 Life, Honorary, & Youth Members. 6 new members.**Web Master:** Bud Pearce – Betty David's Play lists are now posted on the web site. The Newsletters back to 2004 are now posted and he is working on establishing a "Members Only" section.**Telephone Tree:** Dorothy Cahill reported that we have an up-dated telephone tree.**50th Celebration:** Recommended that this be combined with the Holiday Party. Future discussion later.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Proposed Operating Procedures** continue to be a work in process.**Suggested Club Name Change:** postponed. Possibly do a new CD honoring Bill Cooper.**NEW BUSINESS:****Club Galley Sheets for Photo Roster:** Sheila Welt reported that 25 members took advantage of photography service and photos might be used in a 50th commemorative booklet.**EBBC Suggested Name Change:** 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 members can buy light blue polo shirts with this logo.**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM until the July 2nd meeting by Sheila Welt.**Respectfully Submitted,**
Ardie Jarrett

East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** Tuesday, July 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; Betty David, Interim Music Director; Phil Myers, Booking agent.**Absent Appointed Officer:** June Rosploch, Past President**Appointed Officers Present:** Mickie McDonald, Hospitality; Dorothy Cahill, Telephone Tree; Linda Myers, Membership.**Absent Appointed Officers:** Karen Hefter, Newsletter Editor; Jim Blankenship, Librarian; Bud Pearce, Web Master.**Guest Present:** Guy Black.**Call to Order:** 5:07 PM by Sheila Welt, President. Sheila had just been informed that the club would have to find a new location. We need to start looking for a suitable place.**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Secretary:** June Minutes were approved as presented, 6/0/0.**Treasurer:** Bob Nelson- The treasurer gave his report and it will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** Bob Malucelli reported he would bring coffee, donuts, water, sound equipment, signs & decorations for the parade float. Ardie Jarrett will bring two 6 foot ladders.**Past President:** Absent**Booking Agent:** Phil Myers will try to collect money owed from Merrill Gardens. Jack Convery will be available to help lead July 9th Practice & Rossmoor Red Hat gig.**Interim Music Director:** Betty David – Thanked all those who transport sound equipment .**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Mickie McDonald – All is O.K.**Membership:** Linda Myer – no report**Web Master:** Bud Pearce – Absent**Telephone Tree:** Dorothy Cahill – no report**Editor:** Karen Hefter - Absent**50th Celebration:** Sheila Welt recommended holding this in conjunction with the Holiday Party. Further discussion will take place at a later meeting.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****Proposed Operating Procedures:** in process.**4th of July Parade:** Attire, time, and help needed were discussed. Truck to get straw is a problem.**NEW BUSINESS:****Sheila Welt:** Concerned about performances in excessive heat.**Larry Risner:** Suggestions: 1- revue the music book. 2- free learning practice session before regular practice. 3 – Need to give more focus to the club. 4 – Suggest that we reconsider gold vest uniform to polo shirts. 4 – Don't need to amplify except for singers and lead player.**Guy Black:** Who should handle “crowd control” at practice sessions. Betty David says it is her job.**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM until the August 2nd meeting by Sheila Welt.**Respectfully Submitted,**
Ardie Jarrett

Concord, CA 94524

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