

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER



EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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Play-out Schedule

⇒ Sun, Nov 28

Hospice
Danville
1:30PM to 3:00PM
Not yet confirmed

⇒ Sat, Jan 8, 2005

Voyagers Club
W.C. Presbyterian Church
1801 Lacassie Ave
Walnut Creek
7:15PM to 8:15PM

⇒ Thur, March 10, 2005

Hillside Club House
Rossmoor
Walnut Creek
7:00PM to 8:00PM

Please sign up or contact Jack Starr and make these play-outs hugely successful!

Up-Coming Event

⇒ Tues, Dec 7

EBBC Christmas Party
Round Table—Oak Park
6:00PM to 10:00PM

Please sign up soon! We are starting early this year, and looking for everyone to attend.

A great possibility for EBBC



We're still growing, since our last publication we have two new members and that makes eight new members in ten months. "Welcome Aboard!" Ruth-Anne Bray and Dina Melamed.

EBBC has been invited by the Orinda/Tabor, Czech Republic Sister City Foundation to play and be part of The European Heritage Days Festival in Tabor, Czech Republic in September, 2005. Details are being worked out and we are in search of sponsors and means to finance the trip. Anyone having suggestions or ideas, please let any Board Member know. I'm thinking positive, start packing your bags and check your passport.

From, The "Oval Office" of EBBC
President Bob

EBBC kicks off Banjo Jubilee 2004

By Terry Horner

Sunday, September 12th, was the annual Banjo Jubilee put on by the hardworking Peninsula Banjo Band. With a variety of new solo acts and the usual big bands, we were chosen to lead off the show. Several of our members had not played at the Jubilee before. We overcame an initial rhythm problem to complete a good set organized by our leader **Bill Cooper**. Other players included: **Kit Nelson, Tim Perry, Bill Dowling, Chuck Cook, Ed Rossman, Betty David, Jack Starr, Diana Starr, Pat Wheaton, Larry Risner, Kaitlyn Vaught, Guy Black, Garry Kerr, Faye Gonzales, Randy Veirs, Gary Dietz, Barbara Findlay, and Jack Burrous**. EBBC had a fine turnout for this classic event.

East Bay Banjoist entertain at Aegis

Larry Risner, acting as the Assistant Music Director, led a group of enthusiastic banjo players in a well received performance at Aegis, a retirement community in Concord. This afternoon gig started at 3:00, on Oct 1, and was well attended by EBBC members given such an early start. The large audience was packed into a lounge area, and several people were literally hanging over the balcony just above the performers. The banjo players included **Larry Risner, Garry Kerr, Jack Starr, Ophelia Hicks, Bud Pearce, Terry Horner, Bill Dowling, and Tim Perry**. On the base, we were pleased to have **Guy Black**, and on the gut-bucket we were lucky to have **Kaitlyn Vaught**, who was able to get special permission to leave school early in order to perform with us!

Jazz Banjos on Labor Day

EBBC strummers brightened Labor Day for the Walnut Manor Retirement Community in Walnut Creek. **Kaitlyn Vaught** debuted her vocal skills by singing "You're A Grand Old Flag" to a delighted audience of retirees. **Bill Cooper** led the spirited group of banjo players in a performance that will definitely lead to a return gig next year. On stage with **Bill** were **Mickie McDonald, Terry Horner, Ed Rossman, Betty David, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, Larry Risner, Kaitlyn Vaught, Pat Wheaton, Tim Perry, and Jack Starr**. A true "Labor of Jazz Banjo Love" for these performers!



Banjo concert at the community park in Danville

Once again the EBBC performed out doors in the Danville Community Park for a leisurely group of adults and children as they relaxed on their lawn chairs and blankets. As it grew darker, the lights on the gazebo focused all attention on the banjoists who played many of the standard favorites from the 1920's and 30's. **Bill Cooper** led the group of banjo players consisting of **Ed Rossman, Kit Nelson, Chris Horner, Terry Horner, Bud Pearce, Bill Dowling, Jack Starr, Tim Perry, and Rich Boss**. The rhythm section was comprised of **Fredy Kinadeter** and **Chuck Cook** on the tubas, and **Guy Black** on the base.



EBBC merriment at "Carnoween"

By Terry Horner

On Saturday before Halloween, we played for the annual fundraiser for the Pleasant Hill Elementary School, "Carnoween". Both the event and our performance were a great success. In the past we have been rained out, roasted out, and blown out; this year the weather was perfect. The kids were all in costume, as were we. Perhaps our best was **Jack Starr** as one of the Blues Brothers, but they were all good. **Bill Cooper** brought the audio equipment and led the group. **Kit Nelson** and **Tim Perry** sang well. **Dina Melamed**, and **Chris** and **Terry Horner** did the washboard thing with gusto. Convict **Larry Risner** brought our youngest member, his granddaughter **Kaitlyn Vaught**, who was the princess of the gut-bucket. **Chuck Cook** was great on the tuba, as always. Others were **Betty David, Diana Starr, and Bill Dowling**. **Bob Nelson** did his usual great support role, selling cd's, arranging our lunch bypassing the long line, and tending to a million details. Good work, guys!

This year's picnic a grand affair!

There was more food and fun than most could imagine at this year's picnic. A special thanks to our hosts, Jack & Diana Starr, for extending their home to such a ravenous and rowdy group of "jazz musicians". If you missed it, shame on you! If you made it, hopefully you have fully recovered! Man! Can this club through a party!



Bill Cooper and Larry Risner awarded life time memberships. Congrats Bill & Larry!



Bob Nelson and Jack Starr congratulate Larry Risner.



The booker, the baker...where's the candlestick maker? Fredy Kinadeter and Jack Starr talk about their great home made wine and beer that everyone enjoyed.



Ophelia Hicks shows off one of her many talents at the picnic.



"Bud, is this your FIFTH trip to the dessert table?" Pat Wheaton helps set up the fabulous dessert table. No Pat, I only made three trips!



Diana Starr strums while sitting on the porch rail. Thanks Diana! You are a great hostess!



Bill Cooper stands to lead the jam session. Guy Black in the background provides rhythm on the base.