

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER



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Play-out Schedule

⇒ Thursday, April 8

Summerset Social Club
Brentwood
6:00PM to 7:30PM

⇒ Sat, April 24

Special Kids Day
Castle Rock Park W.C.
Noon to 12:45PM

⇒ Mon, April 26

Save this date
Boundary Oaks W.C
Time TBD

⇒ Sat, June 5

Valley View Lodge
Walnut Creek
6:30PM to 7:30PM

Please sign up or contact Jack Starr to make these play outs a huge success!

Tradition continues at Banjo-Rama

On Feb. 29, EBBC Strummers performed to a large crowd at **Banjo-Rama '04**. Banjo-Rama began about forty years ago, and EBBC was there! Since then, we have returned almost every year, and have gained the reputation as a "regular" at this event. Eighteen members performed eight "**Cute Old Tunes**" to the delight of the crowd. Vocals by **Kit Nelson, Tim Perry, Bill Cooper, and Bud Pearce** added to the great music produced by our banjo players and the rhythm section of our tuba player (**Chuck Cook**) and gut bucket player (**Terry Horner**). The crowd took an instant liking to the "**Horner Family's**"

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Bud Pearce, Bill and Serene Dowling at the banquet



Johnny Bier and Buddy Wachter at the banquet, giving us a preview of their performance for Banjorama 2004



EBBC on stage at the Banjo-Rama 2004

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(Chris and Terry) performance on the wash boards to **"Coney Island Washboard"**. A special thanks to **Jack Convery**, who joined the "front line" and helped make this year's performance an outstanding "leap year" success!

In addition to the stage performance, several members also attended some of the other events, such as the jam sessions and the annual banquet. Others continued the tradition of the annual bus ride with the **Peninsula Banjo Band** on Sunday. Most everyone stayed to watch some of the extraordinary banjo playing of other clubs and the several headliners that performed this year. With all this activity, Banjo-Rama continues to be one of the most exciting events of the year.

They were dancing in the aisles at Rossmore!

The Golden State Club at Rossmore was charmed by the EBBC performance on **March 10**. **Betty David** led a spirited group of players that managed to get the crowd singing and dancing to all the old tunes we all love to play. **Pat Wheaton** became the "Pide Piper" of Rossmore as she led the audience in a parade, dancing through the aisles, during the grand finale of **"When the Saints Go Marching In"**. Plenty of crab, laughter, singing, and just plain fun made this play out one to remember!



Gary Dietz strums at Rossmore



Gary Kerr and Jack Starr perform for the Golden State Club



Kit Nelson sings for the crowd



Mickie McDonald adds to the fun



Marilyn Young keeps them smiling



Pat Wheaton leads the crowd to "When the Saints Go Marching In"

EBBC Board Members

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Editor's Note: We are still in need of a name for this newsletter. One suggestion was "Banjo Buzz". If you have some ideas, please let me know. A special thanks to Gary Kerr and Ed Rossman for the pictures at Banjo-Rama.

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