

EAST BAY BANJO CLUB

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Membership Newsletter

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Upcoming Schedule

December 16th

No meeting at The Greenery

December 23rd

No meeting at The Greenery

December 30th

No meeting at The Greenery

January 6th

Back on schedule at The Greenery



East Bay Banjo Club Meets
Every Wednesday
7:00 pm– 9:00 pm
The Greenery Restaurant
1551 Marchbanks Drive,
Walnut Creek, CA

President's Message:

This last year (2015) has been a very good year for our club:

- We have welcomed a number of new members into our club and everyone has had a wonderful time learning/playing banjos and making music.
- We established a procedure to introduce new songs into our music book.
- We eliminated our closed-door, "banjos only" policy and now allow a variety of instruments to join our club and play with us - this has proven very positive and fun for our club.
- We set a participation tracking procedure in place to reward members that participate at the club playouts.



I personally know that Chuck Posey and Earl Collins (the founders of our club) would be elated if they could see how successful the banjo club they started in the early 1960s has become.

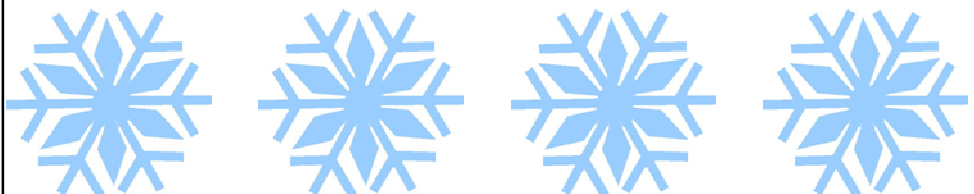
We have always been a club of members who are willing to change things for the benefit of the club, and that is a tribute to our 50yr plus existence. We are now stronger than ever! After all, where else can you go to have a great time while learning to play the banjo in a group of fun people with similar interests?

"Here's to yet another great year for the East Bay Banjo Club... and many more to come!"

Larry Risner
2015 EBBC President

Be sure to check our website,
www.eastbaybanjo.org,
for current event information and a
blog about past performances.

For bookings, Contact
Bob Ehrhorn, Booking Agent at
bobehrhorn@comcast.net
or
Call 707-731-0198





Zio Fraedo's Play Out

The Retired Officers' Military Wives Club
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015

By: Sheila Welt

Photos by: Bob Nelson and Dianne Risner

This play out at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant was great fun! The women in attendance were a fun group to entertain. They enthusiastically joined in with our songs and danced with us during our closing number of "When The Saints Go Marching In." We entertained with the requested "oldies" and Jack Convery did a banjo solo of medley of the military songs.

Banjo Players: Jack Convery, Bob Ehrhorn, Don Granberg, Garry Kerr, Annie Lem, Bud Pearce, Kit Nelson, Bob Malucelli, Larry Risner, and Sheila Welt

Other Instruments: Guy Black (Bass), Clyde Dedmon (Guitar), Dina Melamed (Washboard), and Don Granberg (Washboard)

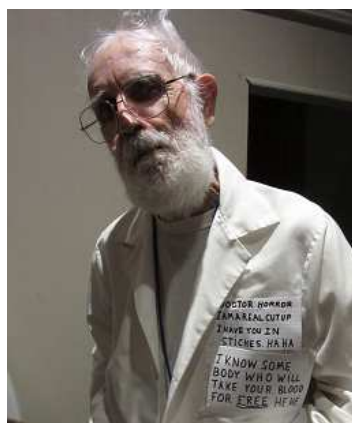
Singers: Bob Ehrhorn, Don Granberg, Bud Pearce, Kit Nelson, and Sheila Welt



EBBC Halloween Costume Contest Winners



<p>Danielle "Sushi" Best Costume</p>	<p>Rocky "WW II Soldier" Most Original</p>	<p>Karen "Banjo Player" Scariest</p>
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Castlewood Country Club Payout

December 9, 2015

By: Diane Malucelli
Photos by: Bob Nelson

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, eighteen members of our East Bay Banjo Club came to Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton for a payout. We performed for the Kaiser Retirement Group and we entertained 220 people after their luncheon.

Castlewood Country Club is on a hill overlooking the valley. It is a beautiful and very impressive, large building that was decorated with trees, wreaths and lights for Christmas. We performed on risers in their main ballroom so that we were above the audience.

Since it was such a large room, we really played and sang vigorously so everyone could hear us. Betty David led us and Larry Risner sat behind the group to help with the rhythm. Guy Black was our lead on bass guitar. Our other players were Clyde Dedmon on guitar, Jesse DeTorres, Bob Ehrhorn, Don Granberg, Ardie Jarrett, Garry Kerr, Chris Lardge, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Dina Melamed, Phil Myers, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce, Jack Starr, and Sheila Welt.

We played traditional banjo songs, as well as Jewish and Christmas songs. The singers were Jesse DeTorres, Bob Ehrhorn, Don Granberg, Chris Lardge, Kit Nelson, Bud Pearce and Sheila Welt. Phil Myers led the Club on "The Bear Mist the Train" and Kit Nelson sang "Silent Night" as our last song.



EBBC Holiday Party

The EBBC enjoyed a wonderful holiday party at El Tapatio on December 8th. A big thanks go to Sheila Welt and Bob Malucelli for setting it up. Don presented a gift to our Music Director, Betty David, from the club and an honorary membership certificate was presented to Sue Horn. Members who participated in at least half of the club playouts through November 2015 were each presented with \$15 gift certificates to The Greenery restaurant. The tally for 2016 will start with the playout on December 9th, 2015. Thanks were given to all of those who help with the equipment for all of our playouts and to Bob Nelson for being our photographer for most of our playouts.

The new board was elected. The only changes to the board are that Jack Starr is our new President and Larry Risner is now the Immediate Past President. A new appointed chair position called Digital Music Librarian has been created, since so many of our members are using digital music books. Karen Hefter volunteered for the position.

2015 Donations

This year, we were able to donate \$500 to Meals on Wheels, \$500 to the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, and \$500 to Las Trampas.

Get Well Soon

Harry Higgins has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

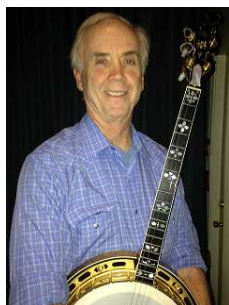
Georgette Twain has been moved to a rehabilitation facility and is hoping to go home soon. We wish her the best of luck.

In Memoriam - Marilyn Young

Marilyn Young, a long-time member of EBBC, passed away November 8th and she is missed very much by all of us. Marilyn's family is having a "Celebration of Life" for her on Sunday, January 31st, at 11 AM at Heather Farms Community Center, Lakeside Room, 301 N. San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek, CA.

Our Banjo Club, with Jack Convery leading, has been asked to play "banjo songs" after the service, possibly for 20-30 minutes. The dress code is black tie, gold vests, black pants, and white shirt. Anyone who wants to join and play, please call Kit Nelson, at [\(925\) 372-0553](tel:9253720553) and leave a message. It is important to let Kit know if you will be playing because the family needs to know how many chairs to set up for the players and how many will be attending a light lunch. Please call Kit for directions as well. Thank you.

Welcome to Our New Members



Richard Combs



Jan and Slavka Ruzicka



E.J. Calica, Jr.

Not pictured: Trent Jones

Education Corner



Has your banjo started buzzing? Mine has... Follow this link for some handy tips to hunt down the problem and fix it.

<http://www.deeringbanjos.com/blogs/banjo-maintenance-tips/10315185-how-to-find-and-fix-buzzing-in-your-banjo>

Martinez Ukulele Jam Club

Both experienced players and beginners are welcome. Must be age 18 or over. See the Martinez Senior Bulletin or call 925-370-8770 for information. Ukulele players are also welcome to play with the EBBC at their meetings on Wednesday nights, 7:00-9:00pm, The Greenery Restaurant.

Participation Awards - Members who participate in at least half of the yearly playouts will receive a \$15 gift certificate for The Greenery at the end of the year. The tally for 2016 will start with the Castlewood Country Club playout on December 9, 2015.

2016 Performance Participation 2016 Playouts to date: 1

Black, Guy	1
David, Betty	1
Dedmon, Clyde	1
DeTorres, Jesse	1
Ehrhorn, Bob	1
Granberg, Don	1
Jarrett, Ardie	1
Kerr, Garry	1
Lardge, Chris	1
Malucelli, Bob	1
Malucelli, Diane	1
Melamed, Dina	1
Myers, Phil	1
Nelson, Bob	1
Nelson, Kit	1
Pearce, Bud	1
Risner, Larry	1
Starr, Jack	1
Welt, Sheila	1

Upcoming Birthdays...

January

February



- 01 - Don Granberg
- 10 - Quinn Day
- 10 - Patti Patton
- 16 - Gerry Reeves
- 18 - Clyde Dedmon
- 26 - Mary Black
- 27 - Sheila Welt
- 31 - Rachel Day

- 08 - Bud Pearce
- 11 - Trent Jones
- 16 - Georgette DeTorres
- 21 - Guy Black
- 27 - Terry Horner



2016 EBBC Board	
President john.starr@att.net	Jack Starr
Vice President dmalucelli@att.net	Bob Malucelli
Secretary jarjohn@msn.com	Ardie Jarrett
Treasurer weltbear@sbcglobal.net	Sheila Welt
Music Director 925-938-0126	Betty David
Immediate Past President rhythmbanjo@sbcglobal.net	Larry Risner
Booking Agent bobehorn@comcast.net	Bob Ehrhorn

2015 Non-Board Positions	
Assistant Music Director entline@msn.com	Jack Convery
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The Changing of the Guard

This is my last edition of the newsletter as Editor. It has been a privilege and has been a lot of fun over the last 3 years. I'm sure the new Editor, John Greitzer will do a wonderful job and create many more interesting newsletters.

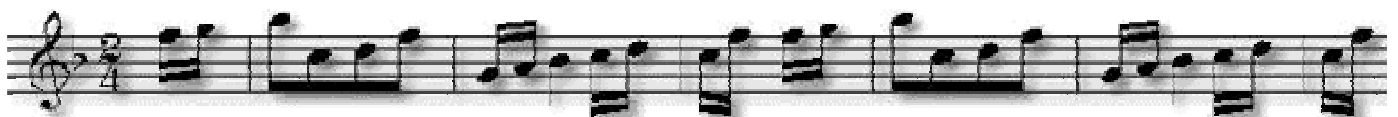
Karen Hefter, EBBC Editor

East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**Date:** October 14, 2015**Place:** Greenery Dining Room, Walnut Creek, CA**Board Members Present:** Larry Risner, President; Bob Malucelli, Vice President; Sheila Welt, Treasurer & Past President; Betty David, Music Director; Bob Ehrhorn, Booking Agent**Absent Board of Directors:** Ardie Jarrett, Secretary**Appointed Chairs Present:** Diane Malucelli, Membership & Telephone Tree; Sheila Welt, Hospitality**Absent Appointed Chairs:** Jim Blankenship, Librarian; Bud Pearce, Web Master; Karen Hefter, Editor**CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Larry Risner, President.**BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:****Secretary:** The minutes were approved as presented, 6/0/0.**Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented 6/0/0 and will be filed for audit.**Vice President:** Bob Malucelli – Bob reported on the plans for the Holiday Party and Elections of the Board of Directors.**Music Director:** Betty David – Fifty songs have been marked to be purged. The music book will be sent to the BOD.**Booking Agent:** Bob Ehrhorn – The new gig on Nov. 11, 2015 at the Kensington from 6:45 to 7:45 is in conflict with our weekly practice. Bob will try to re-schedule.**Past President:** Sheila Welt – Nothing to report.**APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS:****Hospitality:** Sheila Welt – Sheila will have a sign-up sheet for the Christmas Party at the next banjo practice.**Membership & Telephone Tree:** Diane Malucelli – Nothing to report.**OLD BUSINESS:****Music Book:** Betty David – see above report on 50 songs to be removed.**Holiday Party:** Non-members will pay \$12.00 to the EBBC. The club will be responsible for tax and tip. Motion: Bob Malucelli. Seconded: Bob Earhart. Approved: 6/0/0**Lindsay Museum Gig:** This gig will be entered as a \$299 donation in the Treasurer's Books.**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05.**Respectfully Submitted:**

Sheila Welt, Acting Secretary



East Bay Banjo Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: November 11, 2015

Place: Greenery Dining Room, Walnut Creek, CA

Board Members Present: Larry Risner, President; Bob Malucelli, Vice President; Ardie Jarrett, Secretary; Sheila Welt, Treasurer & Past President; Betty David, Music Director; Bob Ehrhorn, Booking Agent

Absent Board of Directors: None

Appointed Chairs Present: Diane Malucelli, Membership & Telephone Tree; Sheila Welt, Hospitality

Absent Appointed Chairs: Jim Blankenship, Librarian; Bud Pearce, Web Master; Karen Hefter, Editor

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Larry Risner, President.

BOD OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary: Minutes approved as corrected. Motion: Ardie Jarrett Seconded: Bob Malucelli 6/0/0

Treasurer: Lindsay Museum \$200 donation will be added to the Treasurer’s report. Ardie Jarrett moved that the report be accepted with this addition, seconded by Betty David and passed 6/0/0. The corrected Treasurer’s report will then be filed for audit.

Vice President: Bob Malucelli – Bob reported that Dec. 2nd will be the cut-off date for making reservations for the Christmas Party.

Music Director: Betty David – Nothing to report.

Booking Agent: Bob Ehrhorn – Bob reported that the Dec. 9th Gig for Kaiser Permanente in Pleasanton is still on. Uniform is Gold Vest. Address: 707 Castlewood Dr. Time: 1:15-2:15p.m.

Past President: Sheila Welt – Nothing to report.

APPOINTED CHAIR REPORTS:

Hospitality: Sheila Welt – Sheila showed the fliers that she has made for the Christmas party.

Membership & Telephone Tree: Diane Malucelli – All dues will be sent to Sheila Welt during January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Music Book: Song list was handed out and will make room for new songs to be added. Motion to accept the new song list was made & 2nd, and passed 6/0/0. We won’t make changes in song books at this time. Sheila Welt will tally the gig player list to see who will get Gift Certificates for a meal at the Greenery as a thank you. She will also make certificates, which will be presented at the Christmas party.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be contributing \$500 to each of the following charities this year: Meals on Wheels, Las Trampas, and The Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ardie Jarrett



Concord, CA 94524

P.O. Box 5414



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From 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

At

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**1551 Marchbanks Drive,
Walnut Creek, CA 94598**