

East Bay Banjo Club

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Events Calendar

Friday, October 26

Atria of Walnut Creek

1400 Montego, Walnut Creek
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

EBBC Christmas party

(no banjo practice)
Round Table Pizza
1938 Oak Park Boulevard,
Pleasant Hill – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

1st weekly practice of 2019

Round Table Pizza
1938 Oak Park Boulevard,
Pleasant Hill – 7 p.m.

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To book the East Bay Banjo Club to play at your event, please contact our booking agent, Don Granberg, at grany@astound.net.

President's Message

By Bob Malucelli

We are still working on getting young people interested in banjo music. Our board members are in the process of contacting schools and community music foundations and they have gotten a few positive responses. We hope these will materialize over the next year or so. Let us all work together in trying to get new banjo players for the club.



EBBC member and webmaster Bud Pearce had a fall at his home and injured his neck. He has been in the hospital and undergoing rehab but he seems to be progressing well and getting better. I am happy to report that Betty David is doing well and came back to play banjo and even led some songs at our weekly practice back on October 9. It was great to have Betty back with us.

We will be having a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. at Round Table Pizza in Pleasant Hill. Please sign up at the practices or call me at 925-674-0920 so we can tell Round Table Pizza how many people will be attending the party. This event will just be a party—don't bring your banjos.

The party on December 11 will be our last get-together for the year. The next time we meet will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

As always, thanks to everyone who attends the playouts and practices for your good and enthusiastic participation.

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EBBC Warms Up Reutlinger Community For Jewish Living

By Bud Pearce

Photos By Bob Nelson

The East Bay Banjo Club strummers experienced a warm and joyful reception from the large and enthusiastic residents of the Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living in Danville on August 22. The residents reacted very positively from start to finish, with plenty of singing and dancing amongst the crowd. Our club has played there several times before and we look forward to more engagements there in the future.

EBBC performers included **Rich Combs, Kit Nelson, Chris Lardge, Don Granberg, Bud Pearce, Doug Johnson, Bob Ehrhorn, Linda Myers, Phil Myers, Dina Melamed, Clyde Dedmon, Paul Mack, Terry Horner, Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Slavka Ruzicka, and Jan Ruzicka.** Bob Nelson helped out with the photography.



Phil and Linda Myers making music....



...and Slavka and Jan Ruzicka get ready to do the same



The gang bangs out a tune...



...with Chris Lardge, Kit Nelson and Rich Combs doing their part (and Terry Horner in the background on his gutbucket bass).

Guidelines Offered For EBBC Music Directors

By Larry Risner

With contributions from John Greitzer

EBBC could use one or two more assistant music directors. We are looking for volunteers from our membership. We also are considering other ideas, such as possibly hiring an experienced band leader to attend one or more practices a month and serve as our official leader for practices.

The music director (affectionately known as “MD”) is the most important role in EBBC. At the moment, we don’t have a permanent MD, and while we have several assistant MD’s, they aren’t always able to attend. We would love to have a couple more assistant MDs at our service.

The music director’s function is to coordinate the music for the club at practices and playouts and to be the club’s representative at playouts. Club members need to be open, patient and flexible in helping the music director plan for successful playouts because the playouts are paid for by the client, and the music director may need to alter the arrangements for some songs for the good of the event.

To ensure a standard procedure for playouts, a volunteer music director should follow the guidelines listed below.

- Create a preliminary list of songs for the playout, asking the club members for input, and suggest songs that fit the playout theme.
- Ask each member signed up for the playout if there is a song on the list they would like to perform as either vocal or solo. Club members interested in doing this should choose a song they are comfortable with.
- Arrange the song order to mix up the instrumentals, vocals and tempos. Variety is important for performances.
- Provide copies of the final set list to the club members at least two weeks in advance if possible. This allows time for the club members to practice the songs.
- Coordinate seating at the playout with rhythm players in the rear and soloists or lead players in the front.
- For each song the music director should ask if someone would like to play the intro. An intro establishes the tempo (speed) for the song. Tempos are critical for the vocalists and for the bass player. The vocalists and bassist can tell the tempo by listening to the intro—provided the intro stays in a steady tempo and doesn’t speed up or slow down. Consistent tempos are critical!

2018 EBBC Playout Participation

Playouts for 2018: ten (through August 31, 2018)

Guy Black	4
Tom Brunetti	8
Rich Combs	7
Betty David	1
Clyde Dedmon	4
Bob Ehrhorn	7
Barbara Findlay	2
Don Granberg	9
John Greitzer	3
Karen Hefter	4
Red Higgins	2
Deb Hodson	2
Terry Horner	5
Garry Kerr	6
Ardie Jarrett	7
Doug Johnson	5
Chris Lardge	6
Annie Lem	2
Paul Mack	10
Bob Malucelli	8
Diane Malucelli	4
Lary McGrew	2
Dina Melamed	4
Linda Myers	4
Phil Myers	4
Kit Nelson	7
Bud Pearce	9
Larry Risner	2
Jan Ruzicka	8
Slavka Ruzicka	9
Sheila Welt	6



Board members and appointed officers for 2018

Board Members

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Upcoming birthdays



Happy birthday to all!

Deb Hodson—Nov. 4	Deborah Black—Dec. 1
EJ Calica—Nov. 13	Jesse DeTorres—Dec. 16
Tom Brunetti—Nov. 14	Karen Hefter—Dec. 19
Chuck Cook—Nov. 19	Diane Malucelli—Dec. 24
Jim Brunetti—Nov. 20	Danielle Torres—Dec. 27
Kit Nelson—Nov. 20	Michael Stein—Dec. 28
Diana Starr—Nov. 27	Phil Myers—Dec. 31

EAST BAY BANJO CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
11 September 2018
ROUND TABLE PIZZA PLEASANT HILL

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Bob Malucelli at 5:40 PM

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Present- President, Bob Malucelli
Present- Vice President, Paul Mack
On Leave- Music Director, Karen Hefter
Absent- Secretary, Sheila Welt
Present- Booking Agent, Don Granberg+
Present-Past President, John Greitzer
Present- Treasurer, Rich Combs

ROLL CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Absent- Assistant Music Director, Larry Risner
Present- Assistant Music Director, Bud Pearce
On Leave- Digital Librarian, Karen Hefter
Present-Editor, John Greitzer
Present- Equipment, Bob Malucelli
Absent- Hospitality, Sheila Welt
Present- Membership Chris Lardge
Present-Don Granberg
Present- Telephone Tree, Diane Malucelli
Present- Uniforms, Ardie Jarrett
Present- Web Master, Bud Pearce

VISITORS:

Guy Black

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Malucelli at 5:40 pm. A motion to accept the August 7, 2018 minutes was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regarding our charity donations, we had a discussion on developing ways to offer banjo lessons to younger students. Rich reported that he is still in contact with the owner of music studios in Livermore and Benicia. Rich emailed Joan Miller of the Mt. Diablo Music Education Foundation but had not yet heard back from her. Jack Convery is still interested in teaching banjo.

Treasurer's Report:

Our Running Balance is \$11,734.25

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Malucelli informed us that due to a conflict he will not be able to attend any meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

ACTION ITEMS:

Rich gave us a "Save the Date" flyer for Banjo-Rama. This year it will be held at the Lion's Gate Hotel 3410 Westover St. McClellan Park (the former McClellan AFB in Sacramento) May 17-19, 2019. Rich also showed us a number of flyers from various music festivals.

We had a discussion on getting a permanent music director and another assistant music director. Bud currently is an assistant music director and will stay in that position. Rich proposed that we hire a band director. This would be a professional musician (not necessarily a banjo player). Once a month, for about an hour, this person would assist us by expanding and enhancing the depth of our rehearsals.

Bud reported that the minutes of the Board of Directors are now up on our website. Bud also reported that ours is a secure website.

We had a discussion on adding new songs. John will bring in some new songs for the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mack for Sheila Welt

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