

East Bay Banjo Club

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Events Calendar

Friday, June 14

Stoneman Village
390 East Leland Road
Pittsburg, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

Orinda Fourth of July Parade
Downtown Orinda, Time TBD

Saturday, August 17

EBBC Annual Picnic
Landers Landing
Details TBD

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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

I want to thank everyone who played at Banjo-Rama in Sacramento on May 19. We were the second of the banjo clubs to perform on the Sunday afternoon schedule, and afterwards people told us that we sounded great. We had really good practices at our Tuesday night sessions in the weeks leading up to the big event, and all that practice really paid off. For more, see the article on page 2.

We also have playouts this summer. The club just played a June 14 Flag Day playout at Stoneman Village in Pittsburg – see our website for an article about that one – and we will play in the Fourth of July parade in Orinda, as we have for the past several years. Orinda always gets a great turnout for this parade, and our roadworthy banjo club (sitting on hay bales in a big flatbed truck) always gets a warm reception from the crowd lining the streets of downtown Orinda.



Our annual picnic is on Saturday, August 17 at Bobbie Landers' home in Tracy in the Delta. Please sign up for these playouts and the picnic on Tuesday nights or contact Don Granberg. Don has the sign-up sheets.

Some of our Board members will be away in June so the next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Round Table.

And remember – pay those dues! Contact membership chair Chris Lardge to pay up.

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EBBC Entertains At Banjo-Rama 2019 In Sacramento

Your East Bay Banjo Club showed up 14 strong at Banjo-Rama and knocked out an entertaining set during Sunday's banjo club performance. We performed second out of the five banjo groups on the slate, starting with "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down On The Farm" and closing out with our singalong version of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game." In between were standards such as "Birth Of The Blues," "Hey Good Lookin'" and "Yes Sir That's My Baby."

Vocalists included Chris Lardge, Sheila Welt, Don Granberg, Rich Combs and Slavka Ruzicka. Our banjo pickers were Chris, Don, Rich, Sheila, Tom Brunetti, Bob Malucelli, Barb Findlay, Betty David, Ardie Jarrett and Paul Mack, who also served as our masterful master of ceremonies. Jan Ruzicka played guitar, Slavka played autoharp, Doug Johnson brought his clarinet and John Greitzer played bass guitar. Don also doubled on washboard. Two of our other club members, Jack Convery and Garry Kerr, also attended but they performed with other acts, as they both are involved with multiple groups.

The turnout on Sunday was quite small, unfortunately, but those who were there seemed to be enjoying themselves. Our club got several complements from those in attendance. Don Granberg participated in the jam session Saturday night and he said it was a lot of fun.



Kneeling, from left: Rich Combs, Ardie Jarrett, Slavka Ruzicka, John Greitzer.

Standing, from left: Chris Lardge, Jan Ruzicka, Tom Brunetti, Don Granberg, Paul Mack, Sheila Welt, Bob Malucelli, Barbara Findlay, Doug Johnson, Betty David. Not pictured: Garry Kerr, Jack Convery.

Time's Up To Pay Your Membership Dues For 2019

Membership dues for 2019 are now due and payable. If you haven't paid up yet, please send \$20 to Chris Lardge, membership chair, or give your dues to Chris in person at one of our weekly practices.

If you prefer sending him a check, mail it to Chris Lardge, PO Box 6115, Moraga CA 94570- 6115.

Newsletter Editor Needed For 2020

Your trusty editor reminds club members that he will be giving up the editor's job at the end of this year. The November/December issue will be his last as editor, completing a four-year run that has been fun, creative, educational and rewarding.

Any club member who is interested in taking over as editor in January should contact me, either via email or at one of our Tuesday night practice sessions (usually I attend on the first Tuesday of the month) to discuss it with me.

The editor's job doesn't take a tremendous amount of time overall, but it does require a dedicated effort in the days and/or weeks leading up to each publication date. The newsletter is published six times per year and is distributed almost entirely via email and our website. We publish fewer and fewer hard copies each year – currently only five hard copies of the newsletter are printed and mailed. The new editor – whoever you are – will inherit the club's HP color printer.

Whether you have experience in newsletters or publishing, or you are a complete newbie and would like to give it a try, please contact me so we can discuss it.



Board members and appointed officers for 2019

Board Members

President: Bob Malucelli.....dmalucelli@att.net
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About our newsletter

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Upcoming birthdays



Happy birthday to all!

Janet Mullin—July 31
Angelina Blankenship—August 5
Doug Johnson—August 5
Bob Malucelli—August 31

**EAST BAY BANJO CLUB
MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2019
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ROUND TABLE PIZZA, PLEASANT HILL, CA**

CALL TO ORDER: President, Bob Malucelli called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President - Bob Malucelli
Vice Presidents - Paul Mack
Secretary - Sheila Welt
Treasurer - Rich Combs
Music Director, Open
Past President - John Greitzer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDANCE:

Assistant Music Director, Betty David
Editor, John Greitzer
Hospitality, Sheila Welt
Telephone Tree, Diane Malucelli
Uniforms, Ardie Jarrett

VISITORS - None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

President, Bob Malucelli

The new ALL FRETS is in.

Vice President, Paul Mack

Banjo Youth Program with Pleasant Hill Recreation Business license taken care of. Paul will contact Scott re: Teaching.

Secretary, Sheila Welt

Minutes adopted as sent.

Treasurer's Report, Rich Combs

Income: \$200

Expenses: 0

Balance: \$10,090.48

The report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Uniforms, Ardie Jarrett

Gold Vests - tabled. Discuss after Banjo Rama.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rich Combs, Banjo Rama. Sunday admission \$25. Reimbursed after playing. Please sign up, we need to know how many will be attending. Take me out to the Ball Game. Do NOT pass out peanuts.

ACTION ITEMS:

RICH - GOODIES BOX FOR TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME.

SHEILA - BASEBALL UNIFORM FOR TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME.

RABBIT EARS FOR PETER COTTON TAIL.

TERRY HORNER- WILL PLAY WASHBOARD ON SATURDAY @ EGG HUNT.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Malucelli adjourned the meeting until the May 21 meeting.

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The East Bay Banjo Club

Meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Round Table Pizza

1938 Oak Park Boulevard, Pleasant Hill

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