

# East Bay Banjo Club

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## Events Calendar

**No banjo practice**

**on Dec 17 / 24 / 31**

**See you next year!**

**Tuesday, Jan. 7**

**First weekly practice of new year**

Round Table Pizza

1938 Oak Park Blvd.

Pleasant Hill 7 p.m. – 8:30 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](mailto:grany@astound.net).*

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## President's Message

By Bob Malucelli

I want to thank everyone for attending our playouts during the past year. The club always received a good response from the audience, which is why so many of our clients keep asking us back.

We had a fun Christmas party with 26 members and friends filling the room at Round Table Pizza. We had the buffet dinner and then played Christmas songs the rest of the evening.



New board members were elected: Paul Mack, president; Sheila Welt, vice-president; Ardie Jarrett, secretary and Rich Combs, treasurer. We still need to fill two open positions: booking agent and newsletter editor. As past president, I want to thank Don Granberg for being our booking agent and John Greitzer for doing our great newsletter.

There have been a lot of changes in the East Bay Banjo Club with people sick or injured or moving away, and we miss all of them. Please continue to promote our banjo club to everyone.

The club received a letter from the Banjo Museum in Oklahoma City. The museum is ten years old and recognized as the geographical center of the banjo world. Many celebrities visit there from Steve Martin to Eric Clapton. New educational programs have introduced the joy of the banjo to countless visitors both young and old.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we will hopefully see all of you on January 7, 2020.

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# EBBC Entertains Enthusiastic Crowd At Community Presbyterian

By John Greitzer

Photos by Bob Nelson

Your East Bay Banjo Club entertained an enthusiastic audience at the Community Presbyterian Church in Danville on Tuesday, November 12.

Fourteen EBBC members participated, including Kit Nelson, Chris Lardge, Deb Hodson, Paul Mack, Bud Pearce, Clyde Dedmon, Dina Melamed, Rich Combs, Don Granberg, Doug Johnson, Jan and Slavka Ruzicka, Bob and Diane Malucelli, John Greitzer, Rich Combs, and Betty David. Singing duties were handled by Kit, Chris, Bud, Don, Rich, Slavka and Bob. Mimi Johnson and Bob Nelson also attended, with the latter taking photos as usual.

Bud did a great job as music director for the session, and Paul did his usual entertaining job of introducing each song with a bit of historical perspective on the times when each song was written, and in some cases identifying the singers who originally recorded the songs.

Doug Johnson played clarinet, Don Granberg played keyboard on some numbers and washboard on others, John Greitzer played bass, Dina Melamed played washboard, Clyde Dedmon and Jan Ruzicka played guitar and Slavka Ruzicka played autoharp.

Several people in attendance told our club members how much they enjoyed our set, and said they hope to have us back again. We hope so too. Several of them came to our next weekly practice because they wanted to hear more. We appreciate their interest and their enthusiasm, and hope to have a return performance at Community Presbyterian Church sometime soon.



The club strums along with a song.



Paul Mack (left) and Chris Lardge bear down on the music.

## More From Our Playout....



Tom Brunetti does his part.....



...and so does Rich Combs with a vocal....



.....and the whole gang plays on.

# Your Editor Signs Off

By John Greitzer

This issue is my last as editor of the EBBC Newsletter. Working on the publication has been fun, informative, challenging, and at times amusing.

My first career was newspaper reporting, so taking on the EBBC newsletter four years ago was like a return to my earlier work, though in a much more relaxed way. Reporting for a daily newspaper was quite a grind, with daily deadlines and editors who screamed at you across the newsroom if you missed a deadline with an important story. We used mechanical devices called typewriters to write our articles.

Back then, unpredictable events meant unpredictable hours for a reporter. Many times, I was finishing my shift and getting ready to go home, when a building exploded or a highly respected bank manager was arrested for running a counterfeiting ring (yep, it happened). I didn't get to go home as planned on those nights.

Fortunately, the job of editing our banjo newsletter is a lot more serene.

However, the time has come for me to give up the job and turn it over to someone else. I have appreciated the opportunity to work on the newsletter, and I wish the best of luck to whomever takes this assignment next.

Thanks to our members for their support over these last four years, and thanks to Karen Hefter, the editor before me, who helped me with the details and traditions of the EBBC newsletter.



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**We are off until January 7 – no banjo practice Dec. 17, 24 or 31.**

**Happy holidays to all – see you next year!**



# **Board members and appointed officers for 2020**

## **Board Members**

President: Paul Mack.....Anthony.Mack55@gmail.com  
Vice President: Sheila Welt .....weltbear@sbcglobal.net  
Secretary: Ardie Jarrett.....jarjohn@msn.com  
Treasurer: Rich Combs.....combsrichard@sbcglobal.net  
Past President: Bob Malucelli.....dmalucelli@att.net  
Booking Agent:.....vacant

## **Non-Board Officers**

Assistant Music Director: Jack Convery.....entline@msn.com  
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Assistant Music Director: Larry Risner.....rhythmbanjo@sbcglobal.net  
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Digital Librarian: Karen Hefter.....karenhefter@gmail.com  
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Newsletter Editor/Publisher: vacant .....vacant  
Telephone Tree: Diane Malucelli.....dmalucelli@att.net  
Uniforms (Blue Polos): Ardie Jarrett.....jarjohn@msn.com

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## **About our newsletter**

The **East Bay Banjo Club Newsletter** is published six times per year, in February, April, June, August, October, and December. The newsletter is available on the EBBC website at [www.eastbaybanjo.org](http://www.eastbaybanjo.org) (click on "Newsletters"). All articles are written by the editor unless otherwise noted.

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## **Upcoming birthdays**



### ***Happy birthday to all!***

Don Granberg – Jan. 1	Bud Pearce – Feb. 8
Patti Patton – Jan. 10	Trent Jones – Feb. 11
Clyde Dedmon – Jan. 18	Susan Lober – Feb. 14
Mary Black – Jan. 26	Georgette DeTorres – Feb. 16
Sheila Welt – Jan. 27	Guy Black – Feb. 21

**EAST BAY BANJO CLUB  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ROUND TABLE PIZZA, PLEASANT HILL, CA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Bob Malucelli called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President, Bob Malucelli  
Vice President, Paul Mack  
Secretary, Sheila Welt  
Treasurer, Rich Combs  
Booking Agent, Don Granberg

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:**

Equipment, Bob Malucelli  
Hospitality, Sheila Welt  
Membership, Chris Lardge  
Telephone Tree, Diane Malucelli  
Uniforms, Ardie Jarrett

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

President, Bob Malucelli - Run an AD in the Pittsburg Entertainment & Hall of Fame. 1/4 \$30, 1/2 \$50, Full \$90. Bob will take care of this.

Vice President, Paul Mack - No luck with uke classes at Pleasant Hill Recreation.

Paul has the club banjo's (Sheila will take them).

Sound system: Paul, Bob, Don and Rich will go to the Guitar Center in Concord to look at upgrading our speakers.

Sheila mentioned upgrading our Mikes.

**MINUTES:**

Secretary, Sheila Welt

The minutes of the July Board Meeting were accepted as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, Rich Combs

Ending Balance: \$10,348.38

Rich moved that we make a donation of \$100 to the American Banjo Museum. The motion was seconded and passed.

**BOOKING AGENT:**

Don Granberg - Sept. 17 Gig added.

Oct. 2, Diablo Vista Retired Teachers.

Blue Polo and Tan Pants.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Hospitality, Sheila Welt

AD for EBBC - we have had no activity from the AD's placed in the TIMES.

Membership, Chris Lardge - Problems with his email. He will mail the list to me and I will distribute it to our members. We have 40 members for 2019. 3 life, 5 honorary, 3 new.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm, until our November 19, 2019 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: Sheila Welt, Secretary

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**The East Bay Banjo Club**

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

**Round Table Pizza**

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