



## President's Message

by Chris Doan

The East Bay Banjo Club is off to a good start in 2025 including an enjoyable payout at The Reutlinger Community In January. See page 2 of the Newsletter for details.

The Club Board continues its focus on **two major goals for the year**, one being to **grow our club membership (more banjos!)** and the other to **increase our payout opportunities**.

If you use the Next Door Neighbor app, you will start seeing an occasional post encouraging interested banjo players to come listen or play with the Club. If you think of another way to reach potential club members, please let Ardie Jarrett know the details.

Paul Mack is starting to explore new payout opportunities investigating venues like the Martinez Art Counsel and the Pleasant Hill Senior Center. Likewise Rich Combs is checking out several wineries in the Livermore Valley as possible venues. Again, if you have ideas or contacts for other payout opportunities, please convey your information to Paul.

A special shout out to Zennie Bohn for enhancing our Gold Vest payout uniforms by making black and gold arm garters for all the musicians. They really add a little flare to the uniform and are a very welcome addition. Thank you Zennie!!

And lastly, we desperately need a current group of pictures of the Club for promotion and advertising purposes. The last official group picture of record was taken in 2017. So we need every member's cooperation for an update. Please mark your calendar to come to the March

25 practice at Mountain Mike's dressed in your gold vest uniform including boater hat and new garter! We will take several group pictures so let's have a full turnout for the occasion.

## EBBC Practice Sessions

Practice sessions are scheduled on the 2nd through the 5th Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 30 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill.

## EBBC Membership 2025

Annual Club Membership dues were reduced to \$10 from \$20 during the pandemic. The Board of Directors has determined that it is time to reset dues to the \$20 level starting in 2025.

Ardie Jarrett is the new Membership Chair for 2025 so please see Ardie to take care of this obligation for the year with check or cash (no credit cards). Ardie's contact information is on the Club Roster.

## Club Members Handbook

As a Club Member, you probably have an old paper copy of the EBBC Member Handbook tucked away in a file someplace. The Handbook has been updated with a copy now posted on the Club website ([www.eastbaybanjo.org](http://www.eastbaybanjo.org)) under the "Club Info" tab. The Handbook is filled with information about the club ... take a look!

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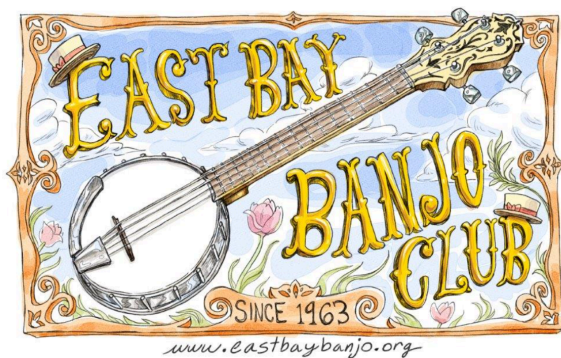


## THE REUTLINGER COMMUNITY IN DANVILLE

The East Bay Banjo Club's first gig of 2024 was at The Reutlinger Community on January 23. Reutlinger is a perennial favorite for the Club as there is always a large and energetic crowd of residents and this year was no exception. In an afternoon concert, we started with a lively rendition of Banjo Pickers Ball and included other favorites like Yes Sir, That's My Baby, Hava Nagila, San Francisco Bay Blues, Baby Face, When The Saints Go Marching In, and 14 or 15 other songs tailored for an all Banjo group. The Reutlinger audience and the Club members all had a marvelous time.



The performs from left to right included Rich Comb (Director), Zennie Bohn, Yvonne Whitchurch, Paul Mack (Emcee), Bud Pearce, Slavka Ruzicka, Phil Myer, Lina Myer, Deb Hodson, (back row left to right) Bob Malucelli, Diane Malucelli, Don Granberg (keyboard), Tom Brunetti, John Greitzer (bass), and Dorothy Becker.



## Club Leadership 2025

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| President .....               | Chris Doan      |
| Vice President .....          | Bob Malucelli   |
| Secretary .....               | Diane Malucelli |
| Membership .....              | Ardi Jarrett    |
| Treasurer & Music Director... | Rich Combs      |
| Event Coordinator .....       | Paul Mack       |
| Digital Librarian .....       | Karen Hefter    |
| Communication Coord .....     | Sheila Welt     |
| Webmaster .....               | Bud Pearce      |