

President's Message

by Chris Doan

Did you know that four of our members are also members of a very unique and innovative all banjo orchestra? In fact, Karen Hefter is the leader, arranger, editor, and producer of the International Banjo Orchestra. Pick out the EBBC players pictured on page 2 and take time to watch/listen to the linked YouTube.

Other than that, the Banjo Club has been very active in a couple of other ways lately..

To start, we created a new Club photo opportunity at the end of March to update our public promotion photo. There was a great turnout yielding a good starting point. Slavka Ruzika is going to use her PhotoShop skills to further enhance and add a few missing banjo players before we are ready to call it a finished product.



Then, there were two playouts just a few days apart. Kensington Memory Care was the first and we were pleased to have Rick Winer come in from Fresno to join in creating a memorable afternoon for the residents of the facility. Everyone clearly enjoyed the performance.

The second was an evening dinner performance for the Lamorinda Movers. The crowd absolutely enjoyed our music with a lot of enthusiasm and

connection. We enjoyed a very positive response overall.

The members of the East Bay Banjo Club are incredibly talented and dedicated to the continued success in keeping our happy banjo music in the forefront of our community. Thank you all.

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 Playouts for your Calendar

June 11 at Stoneman Village with a 1230pm setup and a 130pm start.

July 4 at the Orinda Parade. Time will be published closer to the event.

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) under the "Club Info" tab. The Handbook is filled with information about the club ... take a look!



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International Banjo Orchestra

Did you know that four EBBC members are part of the International Banjo Orchestra? In fact, the Orchestra is growing, 20 strong for this performance. Six countries, and five different types of banjos make up this group playing *I'll See You in my Dreams*.

It is worth taking a look and a listen and find the four EBBC Members:

https://youtu.be/inq_uk_NVIw?si=JSBTDINaGB1QbwNJ



Club Leadership 2025

- 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