



President's Message

by Chris Doan

Just a reminder that we are collectively focused on rebuilding the Club by attracting additional banjo players and increasing the frequency to play for groups that want to be entertained with happy, lively banjo music! Please think carefully about how you might help with both goals through your friends and contacts in the area.

Speaking of attracting additional banjo players, I am happy to introduce Dorothy Becker as the newest member of the club. She is an accomplished ukulele player who has acquired a banjo and is quickly mastering it. Welcome to the East Bay Banjo Club Dorothy.

At our Board Meeting last Tuesday, Rich Combs was elected as our new Music Director effective immediately. We look forward to his leadership in this new role.

And last, a very special thank you to Larry Risner for his years as Music Director of the Club. Larry plans to continue to play with us whenever he can.

Club Membership

Membership dues are \$10 for 2024. There are still a few regular players who have not paid. Please get your \$10 to Chris Lardge (Membership Chair) soon.

EBBC Practice Sessions

Practice sessions are scheduled on the 2nd through the 5th Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 30 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. Come a little early and order a pizza or salad for dinner!

Scheduled Playouts

There are two play-outs currently on the books:

- May 24, 2024 at Stoneman Village at 375 Presidio Lane in Pittsburg. Meet at 1230pm to set up for a 130pm start. *Please let Don know if you plan to play.*
- July 4, 2024 tentatively for the Orinda Parade. We are working on details so will clarify plans and times in the next newsletter.

Other News

As we work to increase the East Bay Banjo Club's visibility and awareness to the public, a couple of notable contributions this month:

- Two new large, attractive banners designed by our own Jeff Liu are now here to let listeners know that we are the East Bay Banjo Club. And thanks to Rich Combs for coordinating the effort.
- Bud Pearse previewed for the Board some of the Club website (www.eastbaybanjo.org) changes that are part of updating the site to align it more closely with our goals. He will continue the work into early May.

Club Leadership

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