



President’s Message

by Chris Doan

This is the sixth Newsletter published in 2024 after a long absence during the pandemic. The question is ... is the Newsletter being read? Please respond to Sheila’s email indicating that you are reading it. And if you would like to see any other topics covered, feel free to provide that feedback as well and thank you.

The Club’s annual family picnic is coming up on Saturday, August 24th and I for one am looking forward to it. If you would like to come, please let Bob Malucelli or Chris Doan know in advance. We will send you all the details including times, address, potluck assignments, etc. Among other things, bring your banjo and join our informal jam session after lunch.

At the August Board meeting, we finalized our decisions on playout uniforms as follows:

- The blue polo shirt with the East Bay Banjo Club logo with tan pants will be our “summer” and outdoor look.
- A more formal and typical “winter” or special events look will be a gold vest with white long sleeved shirt, black western bow tie and black pants.
- A boater hat is optional with both outfits.

For those who need to order any of the new outfit components, ordering details will be available on a bulletin in the near future.

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. Come a little early and order a pizza or salad for dinner!

EBBC Website

Work is underway to enhance the Club website (www.eastbaybanjo.org) to improve its value in attracting new playout opportunities and new banjo players while providing Club members with supportive content. Bud Pearse and Courtney Mack (Paul’s daughter) are each working on separate aspects of the site. We will announce when the final changes are put into place so you can explore the changes.

Help Wanted

The July Newsletter included a short notice that we are soliciting interest for one of the Club members to become the Newsletter editor for the monthly publication. Now that you have had a month to think about it, please contact Chris Doan if you would like to step into the role.

Scheduled Playouts

The Club picnic on August 24 is a playout of sorts but there are no other gigs on the books. Don Granberg is soliciting a list of prospects and would welcome any suggestions from other members.

Club Leadership

President	Chris Doan
Vice President	Paul Mack
Secretary	Diane Malucelli
Membership	Chris Lardge
Treasurer & Music Director.....	Rich Combs
Event Coordinator	Don Granberg
Past President	Bob Malucelli
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