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# **President's Message**

by Chris Doan

Once upon a time, the Club published a regular Newsletter. The pandemic changed that but it's time to get it started again, especially now that we are collectively working 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! A Newsletter will be sent out following each monthly Board meeting.

We can use everyone's help with attracting additional banjo players of any level including beginners. Please take on the role of recruiter and actively seek out and invite friends, family, etc that have an interest in the marvelous banjo.

I am personally very excited at the future prospects of the Club ...

#### **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 to help support the business that is graciously providing space for our practice sessions.

# **Scheduled Playouts**

There are two play-outs in March:

- Saint Patrick's Day (March 17) at Oakmont of Concord, our previous practice location. Meet at 2pm to set up for a 3pm start.
- March 30 at Livorna Park in Alamo.
   This is the annual Easter Egg Hunt which is always fun. Meet at 8am to set up for a 9am start.

The uniform for both events is our blue polo shirts, tan pants and boater hats.

# **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.

### **Other News**

As we work to increase the East Bay Banjo Club's visibility and awareness to the public, there are several efforts underway.

- New business cards have been printer and are available for all to use.
- New large banners (3'x5') are in production and should be received by the club soon.
- The Club website
   (www.eastbaybanjo.org) is being updated and revised to align it more closely with our goals. This should be ready to roll out in April.
- An updated Club Roster is now available and being sent to everyone so we all have phone numbers and email addresses to aid in better communication.

### Club Leadership

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