



President’s Message

by Chris Doan

It is great to see the “Scheduled Playouts” calendar starting to fill up with regular monthly gigs. We would like to have as many banjo players as possible for each of these so please support your club by coming out. The more banjos the better the entertainment for our audience.

The Club Board continues to make good progress on their efforts to update and revitalize all aspects of the club. We are going to start updating the Club’s general information and bylaws. Included in this effort will be a re-examination of our uniforms which currently only includes the summer casual blue polo shirts. We had some discussion at the last meeting about the merits of having a more dressy and traditional vest and tie uniform. That discussion will continue at the June meeting.

Rich Combs, in his capacity as Music Director, is adding a new energy to our approach to the music which we play. Among other things, he is having every member of the group start a song, either with a verbal count or a simple chorded introduction. I for one am finding that challenging but fun by getting more deeply involved in our music.

Other News

- As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Club website (www.eastbaybanjo.org) is undergoing an update to align it more closely with our goals. Bud Pearce has had some health issues preventing him from making much progress so we are looking for a web designed to work with Bub on implementing the needed changes. More to come.

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!

Scheduled Playouts

There are three play-outs currently on the books:

- May 24, 2024 at Stoneman Village at 390 East Leland Rd. in Pittsburg. Meet at 1230pm to set up for a 130pm start. *Please let Don know if you plan to play.*
- June 13, 2024 at Concord Royale for a 2 pm start. More details to follow.
- July 4, 2024 for the Orinda Parade. We are still working on details so will clarify plans and times in the next newsletter.

Club Membership

There are still a few regular players who have not paid their \$10 dues for 2024. Chris Lardge will contact you directly if you are a part of this group. You can beat his contact by sending him \$10 right away.

Club Leadership

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