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President's Message

by Chris Doan

Throughout 2024, the Board has been focused on updating and refreshing the foundation blocks of the Club with the goal of growing our membership and increasing the frequency of playouts in the community. There have been a number of initiatives throughout the year to support this focus:

- Restarted the Club Newsletter
- Updated & printed new business cards
- Moved the Club practice sessions to a public setting to increase our community exposure
- New EBBC Banners (3' x 5') designed to be used as the backdrop in our playouts and practices
- Updating and refreshing our Website to better support our goals (still in work)
- Developed and distributed a Club Roster so that members can easily contact one another
- Redefined our playout dress standards
 - Blue polo shirt with EBBC monogram and optional boater hat for summer playouts
 - Gold vests with black bowtie and optional boater hat for winter and/or formal playouts
- Developed easy to access website sources for playout "uniform" parts
- Updating Club member general information and Club By-Laws which will be included on the new website
- Submitted a suggestion to the American Banjo Museum that one of our long time members be considered for induction in their Hall of Fame

With these foundation blocks going into place, 2025 will be focused on growing the Club and increasing our playout opportunities.

Scheduled Playouts

October 22 ... Oakmont Senior Living - Concord, 1401 Civic Ct, 94520 from 3:30 to 4:30. Since this is a Tuesday, practice will be canceled that evening.

<u>December 20</u> ... Kensington Senior Living in Walnut Creek between 3:30 & 4:30 in the afternoon. More details are coming.

Annual Christmas Party

<u>December 10</u> (a Tuesday night) will be the Club's annual Christmas gathering at Mountain Mike's Pizza for members and spouses/significant others. We will also have a short annual business meeting to elect Club officers for 2025.

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. **Practice is canceled on Oct 22 since we have an afternoon playout.**

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
Digital Librarian	Karen Hefter
Communication Coord	Sheila Welt
Webmaster	Bud Pearse

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New 3' x 5' Banner

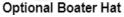


Updated embroidered logo



Playout Dress Standards







Blue Polo Shirt



Black Bow Tie



Gold Vest

Instructions for ordering each of the clothing options will be emailed to you separately