



President's Message

by Chris Doan

The Club was invited back to Oakmont Senior Center for a payout at the end of October. We had a very good turnout for a lively afternoon. See page 2 of this Newsletter for all the details.

Since our last Newsletter, we are pleased to have added two new members:

- Yvonne Whitchurch, who had been visiting regularly to support her mother (Zennie Bohn), is now adding her rhythm to the group. Welcome aboard Yvonne!
- Rick Winer was a long time member of the club before moving to Fresno. He comes back to visit relatives on a regular basis and would like to be part of the club when he does. Welcome back Rick.

The Board is so encouraged by the growth in banjo players. Both our practices and our payouts are sounding much stronger and more confident. In addition, we are having more fun bringing the old banjo music back to life for others to enjoy. Our emphasis as a Club in 2025 will be on growth ... growth in our membership and growth in our payout opportunities.

Annual Christmas Party

December 10 (a Tuesday night) will be the Club's annual Christmas gathering at Mountain Mike's Pizza for members and spouses/significant others. We will plan to eat (pizza and salad) at 6:00 pm, followed by breaking out the music for some of our favorite Christmas Carols. We will also have a short

annual business meeting to elect Club officers for 2025. Please let Bob Maluceli (dmalucelli@att.net) know if you are coming to coordinate the appropriate amount of food for the party. We hope you will plan on coming.

Nominating Committee

Paul Mack is heading up the effort to nominate Club Members of various leadership positions for 2025. If interested in being considered for a leadership role, please contact Paul soon.

Scheduled Payouts

December 20 ... Kensington Senior Living in Walnut Creek between 3:30 & 4:30 in the afternoon. This will be our first opportunity to start using the gold vest uniform again. Following this payout, we will take a holiday break until the January 14 practice.

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.

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



Oakmont Senior Center - October 22, 2024 by Bud Pearce

Our good friends at the Oakmont Senior Center in Concord invited us to perform a concert of good old-fashioned American music in their large, but elegant activity room. It was great returning to this facility that provided us a meeting place during the pandemic. The crowd was very excited to see us again. The standing-room-only crowd enthusiastically received our performance. We are certain we will be back again with some more fun and excitement.



The group, led by **Rich Combs**, included **Dorothy Becker, Don Granberg, Yvonne Whitchurch, Bob Ehrhorn, Zennie Bohn, Jack Convery, Chris Doan, Diane Malucelli, Bob Malucelli, Paul Mack, Slavka Ruzicka, Ardie Jarrett and Bub Pearce.**