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The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

President's Message

By Linda Stevens and Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents

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Exciting Changes Ahead With With the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

Remember "Little Switzerland", in Sonoma, 401 Grove Street, from years ago. It is now known as "Reel and Brand", same location, same building, and that is where we will be meeting from now on, on the second Sunday of the month, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Be sure to plan on joining us with all this great music.

On Sunday, September 11, Fog City Stompers, led by Tom Belmessieri, will be the band playing for us at our gig in Sonoma from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Those of us attending the NOJCNC gig at the El Sobrante Elks Lodge on August 21st can appreciate what a vibrant band Fog City Stompers is; to keep us all jumping and happy, both dancing and/or listening, as we choose!

The schedule for the rest of 2022 includes the following bands on the following dates, 1:00 to 4:00 pm;

Sunday, October 9th, Mission Gold Jazz Band, with John Soulis, leader.

Sunday, November 13, Barbary Coast Jazz Band, with Bob Schulz, leader plus Scott Anthony, Clint Baker, Marty Eggers, Don Neely and Bill Reinhart.

Sunday, December 11, Gold Coast Jazz Band, with Bill Badstubner, leader.



Fog City Stompers

September 11, 2022

The Fog City Stompers were established in 1985. In addition to the great old standards of the 1920's and 1930's, which include arrangements and transcriptions of Bix Beiderbecke recordings, they offer original compositions and new arrangements performed in the traditional Dixieland jazz style. This band plays currently at various establishments, jazz clubs and festivals around the San Francisco Bay Area and at private affairs. Please come up to say hello to us. *Tom Belmessieri, Leader*

Tom Belmessieri – Cornet (Leader) Tom began playing trumpet when he was 9 years old and has been involved with music ever since. He grew up with an appreciation for the music of the '20's, '30's & '40's because his Dad was always playing those records, particularly Bing Crosby, the early jazz of Box Beiderbecke and Paul Whitement and the big swing bands. In 1985, he organized a group of musicians to play Dixieland and that was the birth of the *Fog City Stompers*. Tom has composed a number of the band's original tunes.

Mike Young – Clarinet/Sax Mike has been performing on clarinet and saxophone since 1977. Mike was a member of the “Beach Blanket Babylon” pit orchestra for five years. He leads and performs with the Moodswing Jazz Orchestra and also plays regularly with the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra, Ray Brown’s Great Big Band and the Jambalaya Swing Band. His main musical influences are Fletcher Henderson, Zoot Sims, Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington.

Rich Newcomb – Trombone Rich has been playing music since he was 6 years old. He acquired his interest in Traditional Jazz after discovering Firehouse Five Plus Two, and had the honor of opening for Turk Murphy during Murphy’s performance at the California Maritime Academy campus. After some years playing overseas, where he taught himself to also play trumpet, he returned to his first love of traditional jazz and has performed with many jazz ensembles in the Bay Area. His primary instrument is trombone, but he also plays cornet, euphonium, and tuba, as well as vocals.

Mike Hart – Tuba A native San Francisco boy, Mike grew up to all the musical sounds of the City. He has played regularly with Vintage Music Theatre, the San Francisco Banjo Band, and Half Moon Bay Community Orchestra. For over thirty years he has played tuba with the Pacific Coast Ragtime Orchestra. He plays occasionally with popular Bay Area traditional jazz bands and still wants to be a rock and roll star.

Gary Neuman – Piano Gary has a classical background from Pease Conservatory in Sacramento. He entered into the world of commercial performance in 1980 in Saratoga, CA, playing 5 nights a week at Shakey’s Pizza Parlor. The early 80’s ushered in a 15-year run of Sunday afternoon entertainment in Tiburon and Corte Madera. For a time, Gary was the piano player for Don Neely’s Royal Society Jazz Orchestra. Currently, Gary appears at the Faz restaurant in Danville, as well as various Rossmoor venues.

Ron Galen – Banjo/Guitar Starting on the piano, on which he majored at Northern Illinois University for two years, he picked up the electric guitar during Beatlemania and played in rock “n” roll bands through out high school and college. After migrating to California in 1970 to play western swing, he returned to school at CSU Hayward, earning BA and MA degrees in classical guitar. These days he is pursuing his longtime love of Brazilian music, playing a 7-string guitar in his Brazilian choro band. He teaches music at Laney College, Oakland and Solano College, Fairfield.

Scott Wild – Drums Scott has been playing drums and percussion since the age of 7. His father played Dixieland music in the house as long as he can remember. He began studying drums in first grade and eventually studied classical and jazz with Tom Sicola. He co-founded Marblehead Records, a small independent record label with his long-term musical partner, Ken Barsky, and has co-produced other artists as well as his own groups. Besides his work with the Fog City Stompers, he can also be heard recording and performing in the San Francisco Bay Area with The Lovelight Blues Band, The Jazz Mavericks, The Barrelhouse Jazz Band, Music Masters Jazz Quartet, and Al Lazard & the World Street Players.

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit organization founded to encourage an appreciation and education in Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing.

Officers: Co-Presidents, Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen; Treasurer, Marilee Jensen; Secretary, Lee Campbell.

Board of Directors: Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, Jack Harford, Don Robertson, Joy Waite.

Other Positions: Don Robertson, Membership and Newsletter Circulation Manager; Joy Waite, Publicist.

Jazz Clubs

1st Sunday

TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa meets at the Moose Lodge, 3559 Airway Drive, Santa Rosa, 1:00 -5:00 pm. Members, \$12; Other clubs, \$12; Public, \$15.

September 4: Jammers

October 2: Gold Coast Jazz Band

November 6:

2nd Sunday

Effective September 11, 2022, The **Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society** will meet at **Reel and Brand**, 401 Grove St., Sonoma, CA . Admission fees will be: Members and Other Jazz and Dance clubs, \$10; Public, \$12; Youths 12-17 \$3; Under age 12, Free

September 11: Fog City Stompers

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December 11: Gold Coast Jazz Band

3rd Saturday

Friends of Jazz: Danville Grange Hall. 743 Diablo Road, Danville CA. 1:00 - 4:00 pm

3rd Sunday

New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California meets at the Elk's Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Rd., El Sobrante, 1:00-5:00 pm. Members, \$8; other clubs, \$10; public, \$12.

September 25: Gold Coast Jazz Band *Please note this is 4th Sunday, for a change!*

October 16: Flying Eagles

November 20: Devil Mountain

4th Sunday

South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00-5:00 pm. Admission is free at this time but donations are encouraged.

October 23: Jessica King Music

November 27: Bob Schulz, Frisco JB

Membership

We have successfully resumed our regular schedule of operations as of August 14, 2022. We are now scheduling our usual quality bands on the 2nd Sunday of each month as listed herein. Meanwhile, we plan to start collecting our annual dues again, as of October 1, 2022, with the due dates not including the 28 months we have not been operating. You can expect to receive notice from us in the near future about your annual membership for the twelve months in advance.

Standard Membership: Single -- \$40.00/year Couple -- \$70.00/year
Contributing Membership: Single -- \$125.00/year Couple -- \$200.00/year

Monthly Admission

NVDJS Members and members of other
Other Jazz and Dance Clubs: \$10.00
Public: \$12.00 Youth (12-17 years): \$3.00
Children under age 12, Free
Contributing Members: Free

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