



# NVDJSNEWS

May 2023

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

PRESENTS

# THE BIG FOUR

jeff Hamilton  
bill Reinhart  
robert Young  
marty Eggers



**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023, 1:00 TO 4:00**

**Sonoma Valley Moose Lodge 20580 Broadway Ave, Sonoma**

Jeff Hamilton started drum lessons at age nine and classical piano studies at eleven. A move to New Orleans in 1974 offered him the opportunity to study, learn, and work with many of the wonderful older New Orleans musicians. Following tours in Europe and work in California, the late 80's and 90's found Jeff living in New Orleans again. Jeff was in constant demand working a daily trio gig on Steamboat Natchez, and as a regular drummer at Preservation Hall, with Banu Gibson and her New Orleans Hot Jazz throughout the country and abroad. Jeff's extensive travels have included piano gigs in Japan, Singapore, India and Europe.

Bill Reinhart's musical career began in the late 1960's playing piano with his own New Orleans-style jazz band. In the early 70's Bill moved from piano to tuba and launched a very successful Port City Jazz Band. The band played for state & county fairs throughout the western United States for over 45 years, along with jazz festivals and many corporate events throughout California, as well as multiple times to Europe. During that time, Bill changed instruments to string bass. In 1979 Bill Reinhart joined a handful of professional musicians to found the San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society in Stockton, California - still active and healthy today. Next Bill focused on being a side-man, now playing banjo and guitar in various bands - Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band, Golden Gate Swing, the Cafe Borrone Allstars, Hal Smith's New Orleans Night Owls, the El Dorado Jazz Band, and the Grand Dominion Jazz Band. Most recently, Bill returned to tuba once again and plays regularly with Bob Schulz's Barbary Coast Jazz Band.

Robert Young is a multi-instrumentalist currently playing cornet and saxes with The Big Four, Clint Baker's Cafe' Borrone All Stars, the Big Four, and the Jessica King Quartet. He is very happy to play the bass saxophone with Scott Anthony's Golden Gate Rhythm Machine and also plays with Tom Barnebey's Hot Four. While living in Southern California, he took over the alto-bass position in the Golden Eagle Jazz Band, when Paul Woltz left to go to Washington. It was a thrill to play and record with them and their wonderful singer, the late Chris Norris. His career for 30 years was as a classical pianist and organist. He owns a classical Studebaker truck and lives with his wife, Jeanette, in Petaluma, CA.

Marty Eggers, who plays piano, bass and tuba, began his music career in Sacramento, CA, where as a teenager he helped found the Sacramento Ragtime Society in 1982. He has been playing music full-time since the early 90's, with a number of different musicians. He always adds so much to any musical group which he accompanies, as well as when he is playing solo. Marty is married to pianist and drummer, Virginia Tichenor. They live in Oakland, CA.

## Sonoma Moose



## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE, Linda Stevens and Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents**

### **SONOMA MOOSE LODGE:**

We understand from Debbie Ryan, the Activity Director at Sonoma Moose Lodge, that a "new" piano is now at Sonoma Moose Lodge. They're exploring options to have it moved on to the stage, where the band performs, but meanwhile it is tuned and usable there now. We will also plan to generally have our excellent keyboard available in our car if needed. We've been told that the Sonoma Moose Lodge will have a sound system operating for our next session on Saturday, May 13, 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

The Sonoma Moose Women will have sandwiches and other food supplements, such as possibly soup & chips, available to purchase during our sessions, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, on the second Saturday of each month..

The Moose Organization has some "rules" to be followed when drinks are being purchased at any Moose Lodge. This Moose Lodge wants to make it relatively easy for our audience. To get an alcoholic drink for Moose non-members, from the bar, you can buy a drink ticket for \$5.00 at our admission table, where you first pay admission. Anyone can purchase soft drinks from the bar. They're expecting to have pitchers of water available at locations away from the bar, with glasses, for anyone in attendance.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS; June and July, 2023**

**Saturday, June 10 - Jim Broadstreet's The Flying Eagles Jazz Band.** The seven musicians in this band play everything from slow blues and rags to spirituals and up-temp classic jazz favorites, plus they guarantee to keep the audience dancing. The musicians in this band include Jim Broadstreet, cornet; Bill Badstubner, trombone; Gerry Turner, tuba & stand-up bass; Rich Owens, piano player; Adam Broderick, drums; Jeff Green, banjo; and Casey Jones, clarinet/reeds.

**Saturday, July 8 - Devil Mountain Jazz Band** with Ken Brock, leader on cornet, plus Pete Main, clarinet & saxophone; Noel Weidcamp, cornet; Dan Talbert, trombone; Bill Dendle, banjo; Gary Newman, piano; Keith Baltz, tuba; and Allan Grissett, drums. Ken Brock contacted us to say that Ken Keeler has stepped down as leader of the Devil Mountain and doesn't want to play anymore. As the new leader, Ken Brock has set up the Devil Mountain Jazz Band again and they will be playing at the San Joaquin Dixieland Jazz Society on May 7, 2023, and at Trad Jass, on November 5, 2023. As you can see, this is many of the same musicians who have been a part of this band for many years.

Thank-You

**Phil Cartwright, banjo**

**Dave Stare, trombone**

**Bill Badstubner, trombone**

**Ed Foster, soprano sax**

**Gerry Turner, tuba**

**Mark Lightner, trumpet**

**Charles Newman, cornet**

who played two sets each on April 8, 2023. This jammer band was the first jammers for the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society in several years.

### **Dick Williams in Memoriam**

Word came from Austin, Texas that Dick Williams, a very good musician and cornet player, had passed away on April 17, 2023. We're reminded of Dick Williams' leadership with the "Jazzsea Jammers", open jam sets at festivals (Fresno, San Diego, Pismo Beach and others) as well as his leadership in the South Bay Traditional Jazz Society's "South Bay Jammers" for more than 15 years. Per the message: *"Please join all of us who knew and cared for him in wishing him well on his journey, and take solace in knowing that he lived the life he wanted and leaves us at peace.*

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THREE RIVER JAZZ FESTIVAL, Gateway to the Sequoia National Park, in the Southern Sierras  
by Marilee Jensen

Following the Thursday night Lions Recognition Welcome Dinner at 6:00 pm, on April 13th, in Three Rivers, we were entertained that evening, by the excellent "**Sierra Stompers**" We were so pleased to be able to continue to hear them a number of times during the next three days of this festival, also. As was advertised, "*It was a wonderful Traditional Jazz Music Festival with a Flair!*"

There were three different sites at this festival, both inside and outside, with eleven different bands, including Sierra Stompers, Bob Schulz Barbary Coast Jazz Band, Clint Baker & Nathan Tokunaga (*both also played with the Sierra Stompers*), Dave Bennett Quartet, Tom Rigney Flambeau, Blue Street Jazz Band, Holland & Coots Quintet, Carl Sonny Leland & Caroline Dahl, St. John's Riverboat Jazz Band, Dave Stuckey & the Hoot Owls, and Gino & The Lone Gunmen. Surrounding this wonderful musical presentation were snow-covered mountains, rushing streams, fresh healthy air, and even blossoms on some of the trees. And the final touch was all the happy helpful people, both organizing this Festival and attending this Festival!

OUR FAVORITE EXERCISE, CASUAL SPONTANEOUS DANCING TO THE "RIGHT" MUSIC.  
**POSSIBLE LOCATIONS!**  
by Marilee Jensen

This article lists some of the places where my husband, Joseph Taddei, and I enjoy dancing, fairly consistently, each month. I'm not going to include those places included in our information on "**JAZZ CLUBS**", in the next few pages of this newsletter, although, generally, we attend these four Bay Area Traditional Jazz Societies monthly sessions, either regularly or from time to time, depending on distance and other variables. Most everything listed has an admission cost generally between \$9.00 to \$15.00 per person.

Second Wednesday of the month, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, RAGTIME & EARLY JAZZ, Marty Eggers and Virginia Tichenor, American Legion Hall, 500 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur, CA, followed by the Zenith Jazz Band, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm, with a number of excellent musicians in the band, including Earl Scheelar, Tom Barnebey, and Virginia Tichenor on piano. Food and drink are BYO. Admission is free. There is plenty of free parking available, nearby restaurants for dining or take-out and room for dancing.

Monday evenings: 7:00 to 10:00 pm, Vallejo Moose Hall, 337 Nebraska St., Vallejo. Different bands, listed below, play popular music each Monday evening, including swing, rock n' roll & jazz. Excellent large wooden dance floor. Dinner available, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, good price. (707) 642-4444. Bands include Deaf Already, Monty Guitierrez, and 100 Pruff.

Friday afternoons: Senior Dance at Finley Center, Fridays, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, generally three or four weeks a month. \$9.00 Admission. You can call (707) 543-3737 to verify dates. Water, lemon-aid, coffee available from 1:00 to 4:00 pm; cookies available, at 2:00 pm break. For May, 2023, the following bands or musical presentations are scheduled: May 5, Tom Shader Trio; May 12, Memory Lane Combo; May 19, Steve Luther, Disc Jockey (with numerous recordings, well presented); May 26, Swing Set Band, Memorial Day Social (Bring potluck treats to share).

Last Sunday of the Month: B Street Ballroom, 618 B Street, San Rafael Community Center, 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Admission \$15.00 per person. The doors open at 1:30 pm. "This gives you time to put on your shoes ready to hit the light fantastic, as soon as Manny Guitierrez and his great band start the music. Remember we have a fabulous great big wooden dance floor, plenty of parking, yummy snacks, etc., etc., etc. Your dancing lady, Jackie

# Jazz Club Information

## Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society Jazz Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit organization founded to promote, preserve, and perpetuate Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing Jazz, an integral part of Americana..

**Officers:** Co-Presidents, Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen; Treasurer, Marilee Jensen; NVDJS Newsletter Co-Editor, Marilee Jensen;

Secretary, Lee Campbell; Monthly Jammers, Charles E. Newman;

NVDJS Membership, Don Robertson;

NVDJS Newsletter Co-Editor & Circulation Manager, Don Robertson;

**Board of Directors:** Linda Stevens, Marilee Jensen, Lee Campbell, Jack Harford, Marion Mills, Charles E. Newman, Don Robertson, Joy Waite and Candy Woodworth

## Bay Area Traditional Jazz Club Information

### 1st Sunday

**TRAD JASS** of Santa Rosa meets at Druids Hall, 1011 College Ave., Santa Rosa, 95404, 1:00 -5:00 pm. Members, \$12; Other clubs, \$12; Public, \$15.

May 7th, Cell Block 7 Jazz Band; June 4th, Gold Coast Jazz Band; July 4th, Dark;

September 3rd - TRAD JASS JAMMERS

### 2nd Saturday

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society meets at the Sonoma Moose Lodge, 20580 Broadway Ave., Sonoma, CA, 95476, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Members and other jazz and dance clubs, \$10.00; Public, \$15.00.

Saturday, May 13th - Big Four Jazz Band Saturday, June 10th - Jim Broadstreet's Flying Eagles

Saturday, July 8th - Devil Mountain

### 3rd Saturday

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

Saturday, May 20th, Fog City Stompers

### 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.

May 21st, Creole Jazz Kings June 18th, Bob Schulz' Frisco Jazz Band July 16th, Gold Coast Jazz Band

### 4th Sunday

**South Bay Trad Jazz Society** meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale.1:00-5:00 pm.

May 21st, Heidi Evelyn's New Orleans Jazz Band June 25th To Be Announced July 23rd Mission Gold Jazz Band

# Membership

## THE NAPA VALLEY DIXIELAND JAZZ SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

**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: \$15.00

### **Contributing Members: Free**

Please let us know your ideas.

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