



NVDJSNEWS

June 2024

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society

P R E S E N T S

THE BIG FOUR

jeff Hamilton
bill Reinhart
robert Young
marty Eggers



Sunday, June 9

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa

Corner of Pearl Street & Franklin Street, 2 blocks Southwest of Main Street, downtown Napa. Parking lot at the American Legion Hall, free parking on street, plus free public parking structure across from this Hall, on Pearl Street

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.

Mikya Matsuda is playing bass instead of Marty Eggers. Mikya is not known to us at this time but has been selected by Robert to substitute for Marty.



Presidents' Message

Linda Stevens & Marilee Jensen, Co-Presidents

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society has now been having their monthly session on the second Sunday of each month, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at the **American Legion Hall, located at 1240 Pearl Street, in downtown Napa, CA**. We started there in August, 2023, so we're now going on eleven months in that same location, as of June, 2024. We've all been very pleased with our ongoing meetings in this location, including the musicians, the audience, the American Legion staff and the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society. There is also ample parking in the area, which helps.

The sounds of the different selected Traditional Jazz bands each month are well heard throughout this rather large room, with plenty of space for dancing and or sitting at a table, to enjoy the music while socializing with others. Everyone appreciates the wooden dance floor throughout the room which also has an attractive design. We've even received a number of unsolicited compliments from the audience regarding this impressive dance floor. Nearby, in another good -size room in the same building, is a bar and cafe, where one can purchase snacks and/or beverages, a nice supplement to the lovely music and dancing nearby. And the staff at this American Legion Hall is always very cooperative & helpful in making our afternoons there very successful.

What is the purpose of the American Legion? "The American Legion" was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veterans' service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsoring youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. The American Legion Family brought **National Poppy Day** to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day. **On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.** The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while they have been protecting our freedoms. The American Legion family is also highly supportive of these veterans, as they struggle through different sources of turmoil in their lives.

In this same comfortable location, conducive to the music selected by the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, the following outstanding traditional jazz bands are scheduled to play in the following months, again, all on the second Sunday of each month, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, in the remaining months of 2024, and then 2025:

July 14: Thrown Together Jazz Band
September 8: San Francisco Feetwarmers

August 11: Mission Gold Jazz Band
October 13: The Jambalaya Jazz Band

November 10: Fog City Stompers
January 12, 2025; Cell Block 7

December 8: Gold Coast Jazz Band

Jazz Clubs Information

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society Information

The Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society is a non-profit tax-exempt organization dedicated to the performance, promotion, preservation and perpetuation of Traditional, Dixieland, Ragtime and Swing Jazz, an integral part of Americana. Your membership and contributions are tax-deductible. As a member of and/or a contributor to the Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, you are helping to preserve & broaden the sounds of Traditional Dixieland Jazz. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Our Non-Profit Entity # is 1633975.

Officers

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Bay Area Traditional Jazz Clubs Information

*1st Sunday -TRAD JASS of Santa Rosa meets at Druids Hall, 1011 College Avenue, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Members-\$12; Other Clubs - \$12; Public - \$15; **Sunday, July 7th - Russian River Ramblers; August 4th- Flying Eagles; Sept. 1 - Trad Jazz Jammers**

*2nd Sunday - Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society meets at the American Legion Hall, 1240 Pearl Street, Napa, CA, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. NVDJS Members and other jazz/dance clubs members, \$10; Public, \$15; **June 9th, The Big Four**, (Jeff Hamilton, piano; Mikya Matsuda, bass; Bill Reinhart, guitar, banjo; Robert Young, Cornet, saxes), **July 14 - Thrown Together Jazz Band, Rich Owens; August 11 - Mission Gold Jazz Band, John Soulis**

*3rd Sunday New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California, (NOJCNC) meets at the Elks Lodge, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Members, \$8.00; Other Clubs, \$10.00; Public, \$12.00. **June 16, Zenith Jazz Band**

*4th Sunday South Bay Trad Jazz Society meets at the Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale. 1:00 to 5:00 pm,

The Dixieland Jazz Club of Rossmoor hosts **Le Jazz Hot, on Wednesday, June 19th, at 7:00 pm, in the Tahoe Room** of the Rossmoor Event Center, 1021 Stanley Dollar Way, Walnut Creek, CA, 94595. Rossmoor is a gated community so tell the guard you are going to the Event Center for a Jazz Concert. The contact person is Rob Thomas, "robthomas10@sbcglobal.net"; (510) 432-1624. Rossmoor residents, friends and family are all welcome. Bring your own libations and snacks. Cost is \$20 per person, cash, check or credit card. My husband and I went to see the Sierra Stompers there a few months ago, which was very enjoyable. It was during the day, but went very well, in terms of finding the correct location, paying the bill, etc. It is a wonderful auditorium, with excellent sound equipment, a good stage, and a very pleasant appreciative audience. Marilee Jensen Taddei

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

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