

NOJCNC Membership

Member	12 months
Musician	\$10
Individual	\$25
Couple	\$35
Contributing	\$100
Sustaining	\$125

Make checks payable to "NOJCNC" and send to:
Becky Kesweder, Membership
1752 Lexington Ave,
San Mateo, CA 94402

Benefits of membership:

- * All contributions are tax-deductible
- * Free NOJCNC newsletter
- * Contributing members: Free admission for two to all regularly scheduled events
- * Sustaining members: Free admission for four to regularly scheduled events

NOJCNC News

New Orleans Jazz Club
of Northern California
P.O. Box 27232
San Francisco, CA 94127

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FIRST CLASS

Coming soon

**March 20: Beyond
Salvation**

**April 17: Fog City
Stompers**

**May 15: San Francisco
Feetwarmers**

(All events at Champa
Restaurant in San Pablo)

Visit www.nojcnc.org for jazz
info and news on the Web.



Dedicated to the Education, Preservation & Promotion of Traditional Jazz



SHOWCASE of BANDS

**SUNDAY
@ NOON**



**Coming in
February**

NOJC Showcase of Bands
Noon-5 p.m., Feb. 20, 2011
San Pablo Sportsman's Club
5220 Glenn Ave.

■ Showcase donation request :
Members and general public
(except sustaining and continu-
ing members): \$10

NOJCNC News

Published by the **New Orleans Jazz Club of Northern California**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education, preservation and promotion of traditional jazz. Incorporated 1966.

2011 Board of Directors

Co-Presidents: Tom Belmessieri & Paul Hilton

Treasurer: Bruce Stangeland

Secretary:

Membership: Becky Kesweder

Sales: Jack Dutcher

Directors at Large:

Carol Dutcher, Alex Newman

Music Committee

Paul Hilton

(415) 431-3390,

spudhilton@gmail.com

Tom Belmessieri

(925) 432-6532

tbelmo@hotmail.com

Jam set signup

Rod Roberts

(415) 499-1190

rodroberts@sbcglobal.net

General Info

Tom Belmessieri

(925) 432-6532

Paul Hilton

(415) 431-3390

Membership Info

Becky Kesweder

(925) 938-0391

Editor

Paul Hilton

spudhilton@gmail.com

Presidents' Message

It's been a long season of uncertainty for our club, having to spend most of 2010 moving among multiple venues after severing ties with the Moose Lodge. The good news is that we enter 2011 not only with a strong lineup of bands, but also with a convenient and familiar venue for monthly meetings through the foreseeable future.

With the exception of July, when we again join forces with the **Friends of Jazz** at the **Danville Grange**, and the as yet unannounced event in December, we will continue to meet at **Champa Restaurant** in El Sobrante (technically, San Pablo), where the owners extend their hospitality free of charge, a fact that is saving the club more than \$1,000 per year.

As an organization, we have several goals in the coming year, chief among them the "education, preservation and promotion of Traditional Jazz," as it says in our mission statement. Close behind that, however, will be to promote the club itself, in an attempt to raise our profile, as well as draw new members who will sustain the education, preservation and promotion of Traditional Jazz for future generations. The **NOJCNC Board** is considering adding a volunteer position for overseeing the marketing of the club, a job that in this day and age is far beyond necessary. As always, we welcome your input, as well as your volunteer efforts.

Considering the struggles behind-the-scenes, we had an outstanding turnout at our 2011 opener meeting with the always popular **Natural Gas Jazz Band**. The Gas (with club co-president **Tom Belmessieri** filling in for **Phil Crumley**), whisked through three sets of favorites and surprises, ranging from "Buddy's Habits" to "If I Had My Way" to "Chelsea on Down," as well as a rollicking version of Waller's "Minor Drag" (which it turns out is neither). Special thanks to all the jammers who filled the stage for three sets, including: **Jim Broadstreet, Dana Kemp, Carol Dutcher, Alex Newman, Rod Roberts, Bruce Stangeland, Mike Somers, Ken Peterson, Ted Shafer and Earl Sheelar**.

While the most pressing news is this month's **NOJCNC Annual Showcase of Bands** (see Page 4 & 5 for details), we're equally eager to share the lineup of bands for the rest of the year, which includes some longtime friends, as well as a few first-time features. (A hearty thanks goes to Tom Belmessieri and his leadership skills for doing most of the scheduling single-handedly during the closing months of 2010.)

(Continued on next page)

In Search of Live Jazz

NOTE: THIS HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED; CALL VENUE FIRST

San Francisco

Tuesday

Pier 23, Embarcadero near Filbert, 5 - 8 pm, 415-362-5125

Rotating pianists: **Virginia Tichenor, Marty Eggers,**

Frederick Hodges.

Saturday

Mal Sharp's Big Money in Jazz, 3 - 6 pm, 415-362-7023

Savoy Tivoli, 1434 Grant Ave.

Peninsula & South

Tuesday

Silicon Gulch Jazz Band, 7-10pm, 650-522-9800

The Swingin Door, 106 E 25th Ave., San Mateo

Clint Baker's Cafe Borrone All Stars, 8 - 11 pm, 650-344-1462

Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Friday

East Bay & East

1st & 3rd Tuesday

Jazzinators (Youth Group), 7 - 8 pm, Jam set 8 - 9 pm

510-656-9911 Pizza Depot, 43450 Grimmer Blvd, Fremont

Chris Bradley's Traditional Jazz Band, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Sunol Jazz Cafe, Main Street, Sunol, 925-862-2800

2nd & 4th Tuesday

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Mission Gold, 7 - 9 pm, Swiss Park Dance Hall,

5911 Mowry Ave., Newark.

1st & 3rd Thursday

Cell Block 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 209-644-6295

K&J's Bar-B-Q, 678 Grider Way, Stockton

And That's Jazz, 6 - 9 pm, 510-532-9202

Tiki Tom's Restaurant & Lounge, 300 29th Ave., Oakland

3rd Thursday

Ted Shafer's Jelly Roll Jazz Band, 7 - 10 pm, 510-222-1819

Champa Restaurant, 3550 San Pablo Dam Rd., San Pablo

Fridays

Devil Mountain Jazz Band, 2 - 5 pm, 925-625-2707

Danville Grange Hall, 743 Diablo Rd., Danville

3rd Saturday

Joyful Noise Jazz Band, 5:30 - 7:30 pm,

Champa Restaurant, 3550 San Pablo Dam Rd., San Pablo

3rd Sunday

North Bay & North

Sundays

Big Money in Jazz, 3 - 7 pm, (415) 332-1392

No Name Bar, 757 Bridgeway, Sausalito

Napa Valley Dixieland Jazz Society, 1 - 5 pm

Embassy Suites, 1075 California Blvd., Napa

2nd Sunday

Marty Eggers & Virginia Tichenor, 5:30 - 8 pm, 415-454-6422

Belrose Theatre, 1415 5th Ave., San Rafael

2nd Wednesday

Marin Jazz Group, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 415-456-1011

Mayflower Inn, 1533 4th St, San Rafael

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Gold Coast Jazz Band, 1 - 4 pm, 707-938-9990

Little Switzerland, 401 Grove St, Sonoma

Last Saturday

(For updated listings, visit www.clintbakerjazz.com/raeannlist.html)

2011 Annual Showcase of Bands

It's a sampler platter of Trad Jazz – and of the rest of the year for NOJCNC, although this year the notable addition is, well, a little youth. Four of the five bands at this year's showcase (Feb. 21, noon - 5 pm) are featured bands at future club meetings. Don't miss this wonderful day of jazz.

12:05 PM



Joyful Noise Jazz Band

Bio: The group, which started to play for a single church service, has been going since 1980, with a songbook true to the early New Orleans tradition.

Regular gig: Third Sundays at Champa Restarant, 5:30-7:30 pm

The band

Bill Slessinger, clarinet
Bob Parker, trombone
Bruce Stangeland, banjo
Mike Somers, tuba/bass
Paul Hillon, cornet
Tony Hill, piano

1:05 PM



Natural Gas Jazz Band

Bio: The Gas has a long history of performing the music of Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver in the grand West Coast style of Lu Watters and Turk Murphy. The Gas played the January meeting at Champa.

More information:
www.ngjb.com

The band

Phil Crumley, cornet
Carl Lunsford, banjo
Rich Owens, piano
Bill Carson, trombone
Warren Perry, drums
Bob Murphy, soprano sax
Jim Brennan, tuba
Dave Lewis, vocals

2:05 PM



Devil Mountain Jazz Band

The **Devil Mountain** crew is a popular draw and a nearly-perennial favorite at the NOJC. This year, the July meeting will be at the **Danville Grange** hall, as part of a larger day of jazz with the Friends of Jazz.

More information:
www.jazznut.com.

The band

Ken Keeler, leader, banjo
Virginia Tichenor, piano
Pete Maine, reeds
Noel Weidkamp, cornet
Ken Brock, cornet
Glenn Calkins, trombone
Allan Grissette, drums
Keith Baltz, tuba

3:05 PM



Port City Jazz Band

Bio: This “classic jazz band in the New Orleans tradition” has been playing more than three decades since it's start in the port city of Stockton. The band is always a favorite.

The band

Bill Reinhart, bass
Tom Schmidt, clarinet
Ev Farey, trumpet
Steve Drivon, trombone
Stuart Zank, banjo
Ray Skjelbred, piano
Clint Baker, drums

4:05 PM



Emperor Norton's Jazz Band

Bio: “Trad jazz played by not-so-traditional players” is how this San Francisco-based group describes itself, listing the band influences as “Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke and the New Black Eagle Jazz Band.”
Regular gig: Most recently at Amnesia in San Francisco.

The band

Hudi Brenman, clarinet
Scott Chapman, piano
Mark DeSimone, trombone
Adam Everett, drums
Scot Gorman, tuba
Travis O'Guin, tenor banjo
Tom Salvatore, trumpet



MEETS EVERY 4th SUNDAY

SUNNYVALE ELKS LODGE #2128

375 N. Pastoria Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Members and Members of other Clubs - \$8.00 Non-members - \$10.00

www.SouthBayJazz.org

The American Rag

News you can use about Traditional Jazz and Ragtime. **Subscribe today!**

One year: \$26 US (Canada \$37 US*)

Two years: \$48 US (Canada \$70 US*)

**Includes Airmail delivery*

Make checks payable to
"American Rag" and send to:

American Rag
20137 Skyline Ranch Dr.,
Apple Valley, CA 92308
Phone fax: 760-247-5145

Name: _____

Signature: _____
(required by 2nd Class Postal regulations)

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

*New Orleans Jazz Club
of Northern California*

Festivals in the West

Oregon Dixieland Jazz Jubilee

Blue Street, High Sierra, Titan Hot Seven, Cornet Chop Suey, Black Swan, Uptown Lowdown, No Inhabitations. **Feb 25-27** POB 813 Seaside, Ore., www.jazzseaside.com

Annual Dixieland Monterey

Big Mama Sue Trio, Blue Street JB, Clint Baker's New Orleans Jazz Band, High Sierra JB, Sweet Thursday, Royal Society JB (10-piece group), Titan Hot Seven. **March 4-6**, 888-349-6879, www.dixieland-monterey.com

Redwood Coast Jazz Festival

Big Band Jazz Band, Gator Beat, Ivory & Gold, The Mixers, Titan Hot Seven, Uptown Lowdown, Wally's Warehouse Waifs. **March 24-27**, 707-445-3378, www.redwoodjazz.org

Jazz in the Olympics

CANCELLED THIS YEAR
www.jazzolympics.com 360-452-2363
ext.15

On the Airwaves

Sunday

KCSM (91.1 FM): Jim Cullum's Riverwalk (6 pm); Richard Hadlock's Annals of Jazz (7 pm); Mal Sharpe (9 pm); Ray Smith's Jazz Decades (11 pm).

Friday

XM Satellite Radio, Ch. 70: Dave Robinson's French Quarter (6 pm).

(Presidents' Message continued)

Starting in March, the schedule includes **Beyond Salvation**; the **Fog City Stompers** (April); the **San Francisco Footwarmers** (May); the return of the **Black Diamond Blue Six** (June); the **Devil Mountain Jazz Band** (July in Danville); the **Golden Gate Rhythm Machine** (August); **Port City Jazz Band** (September); the **Barrelhouse Jazz Band** (October); and a young-but-very-Trad group called **Emperor Norton's Jazz Band**. We look forward to becoming acquainted with old friends, as well as welcoming new ones into the club.

And lastly, we've had some lapses in organization, but it's time for the club to update our membership roll (and to collect the dues that pay for the wonderful bands), so please look at the form below and if you haven't already paid for 2011, cut it out and send in your check.

Showcase of Bands

We're excited about this year's Showcase at the **San Pablo Sportsman's Club**, if only because there are three bands that haven't played for NOJC in some time (Joyful Noise Jazz Band, Port City and Barrelhouse), and one that's never played at a club event (Emperor Norton's Jazz Band).

While we are getting the Sportsman's Club at a reduced rate -- we needed the larger space to accommodate the Showcase crowd -- there are some quirks, including that there is not bar and no food service, so you're invited to bring your own of both.

Tom Belmessieri & Paul Hilton
NOJCNC co-Presidents

San Pablo Sportsman's Club

From the south:

- 1) I-80 East to the Solano Ave. exit.
- 2) Left on Amador St.
- 3) Next left on Solano Ave.
- 4) Cross freeway & drive 2 blocks.
- 5) Right on Ventura St. & drive 4 blocks.
- 6) Right on Glenn Ave.

From the north:

- 1) I-80 West to McBryde Ave. exit
- 2) Right on McBryde Ave.
- 3) Next right on Ventura St.
- 4) Next right on Glenn Ave.

The club is at the end of the street on the right, **5220 Glenn Ave.** Park in the back. (No parking on the street.)

Renew your membership!

We need your help bringing our membership rolls up to date. If you haven't had a chance yet to pay your 2011 dues, please fill out this form and send with a check payable to "NOJCNC" to:

Becky Kesweder, Membership
1752 Lexington Ave.
San Mateo, CA 94402

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter by e-mail instead of on paper? (Circle one) Yes No

Membership (check one)

- Musician \$10
- Individual \$25
- Couple \$35
- Contributing \$100
- Sustaining \$125