

## Sunday, January 29, Session: Rag Bone Saints & Yosemite Jazz Band!



**Rag Bone Saints**



**Yosemite Jazz Band**

### Our January Bands

The YOSEMITE JAZZ BAND from Oakhurst, CA and RAG BONE SAINTS from SLO will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' Sunday afternoon Concert 1:00 to 4:30. Jam session starts at 11:00 (bring your instrument and join in). For more info call (805) 481-7840 or go to [www.pismojazz.com](http://www.pismojazz.com). Email: [pismojazz2015@gmail.com](mailto:pismojazz2015@gmail.com)

### The Yosemite Jazz Band

Teddy Strass co-founded the Yosemite Jazz Band with Berl and is perhaps most notable for his raspy singing voice and energetic playing style. Growing up in La Mirada, California, jazz came to Teddy from playing Count Basie tunes in his high school jazz band. As SoCal provided frequent performing opportunities, Teddy found himself playing in several bands and ensembles at Cerritos, La Palma and Saddleback Colleges, joining the Downey Symphony Orchestra, and performing in a pit band for a musical production of the Sound of Music with shows all over the LA area. Teddy eventually left SoCal for the more rural environment in Kernville, California and attended Bakersfield College only to join their bands. The California coastal redwoods drew him to Trinidad, California where he studied forestry at Humboldt State University, quickly learning that playing clarinet with the HSU Symphonic Band would keep him out from the rain. Upon graduation, a "day job" relocated him to Bakersfield where he joined the Bakersfield City Band for warm summer evening performances at the Greek Amphitheater in Beale Park. Teddy ultimately made Coarsegold his home only to meet Berl at an Oakhurst Community Concert Band rehearsal where discussions about forming a traditional jazz band commenced... and the rest is history!

### RAG BONE SAINTS of San Luis Obispo County

Rag Bone Saints is a band based in SLO that celebrates the traditional jazz common to the streets, bars and back alleys of New Orleans. Its members are Will Newey (sousaphone), Paul Trent (percussion), Rebecca McKinley (trombone), Gary Arcemont (banjo, vocals), Alisa Bredensteiner (guitar, vocals), Geoffrey Land (trumpet, vocals), & our own Del Gomes (clarinet). Rag Bone Saints play locally on the streets of SLO, at parties, in parades and pretty much anywhere they get a chance to play. For more info, see their FaceBook page or call 805 215 3516.

## December Holiday Party = Success!

The December holiday party was our best so far. Our attendance was about 110, plus about 20 musicians: everyone was all dressed up and ready to party. Special thanks is due to the people who got there early to help set up. The team was headed by Peggy Meade. We had a few helpers from a new organization, "Central Coast Hour Exchange," as well as our usual stalwart supporters. Ruben was in charge of the bar.

Our success this year was due, in no small part, by the excellent food provided by Carlton Gallant. Carlton prepared ham that was out of this world, along with mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, green beans and rolls. Club members brought salads and desserts. No one went hungry. The meal was subsidized by proceeds from Jubilee by the Sea.

The bands were both in fine form. Our guest band was The Royal Garden Swing Orchestra. The intermission band was new for us, The Gypsy All-Stars. Our dance floor was in front of the stage for this event, and it was always full. One thing for sure, our members love to dance! Champagne was served throughout the hall and we all drank a heartfelt toast during the break, after which we introduced our new board members.

The party was an unqualified success. We expect to maintain this tradition for many years to come. The Holiday spirit filled the Vets Hall: We certainly had cause for celebration! "Ain't no party like a trad jazz party..."

### Upcoming Jazz Festivals:

FRESNO MARDI GRAS Feb 9th - 12th 2017

SEASIDE (OR) JAZZ FESTIVAL Feb 23rd - 26th 2017

JAZZ BASH by the BAY (Monterey) Mar 3rd - 5th 2017

REDWOOD COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL (Eureka, CA) Mar 30th - April 2nd 2017

JAZZAFFAIR (Three Rivers, CA) April 7th - 9th 2017

OLYMPIA (WA) DIXIE LAND JAZZ FESTIVAL June 22nd - 25th 2017

HOT JAZZ JUBILEE (Sacramento) Aug 25th - 27th 2017

PISMO JAZZ JUBILEE by the SEA Oct 26th - 29th 2017

## December 18th 2016 Jam Set

Our annual holiday jam set! Set 1 included George Smith and Jonathon Hinds on trumpet (welcome back Jonathon!). Rhonda Cardinal played alto sax. Other musicians included Dean Krikorian: Tenor Sax, Andrew Galessi: Bari Sax, Paul Buscaino: Trombone, Dee Trent: Banjo, Miguel Enciso: Bass, Luke De Pew: Guitar, Paul Reid: Awesome Piano! & Jeff Cardinal: Drums, yes drums. David Farber ran Sound. Featured songs included "Jingle Bells" w/ Barbara Knoblock on vocals, "I Had a Little Dreidel" with Rhonda on vocals & "Exactly Like You" w/ Sandy on vocals. George doubled as jazz master.

Set 2 featured these changes; Jonathon Hinds & Jim West: Trumpet, David Farber & Del Gomes: Clarinet, Kirk Lindsey Tenor Sax (welcome Kirk!), Paul Buscaino & Joe West: Trombone, Jeff Cardinal: Bass (yes, bass), Phillip James: Guitar (welcome back, Phil!) Ken Heiges: Drums & Paul Reid & George Smith: Piano. Featured songs included "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" w/ Sandy on vocals, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," w/ Barbara on vocals, "Rudolf" & "Blue Christmas" w/ Jeff on vocals & "Let's Have Some Egg Nog" w/ Paul Reid on vocals. Jazz Master Del in da house...

Set 3 included these changes: Jim West: Trumpet, David Farber: Alto Sax, Joe West: Trombone, George Smith & Richelle Cross, piano (great accompaniment, Richelle!). Featured songs included "Basin Street Blues", featuring Jim & Joe West, "Santa Baby" w/ Sandy on vocals, "Jingle Bell Rock" w/ Barbara on vocals, & a double piano version of "Baby It's Cold Outside" featuring George Smith and Richelle Cross with four hands and two pianos. The show ended w/ Richelle Cross performing a stirringly beautiful Christmas Medley. I was personally moved.

This was a great jam set and we look forward to our January show where we will go back to our regular repertoire. See you then! Jammers welcome! Try to let Rhonda know if you plan on attending the jam. We will send the set list.

The jammers are our lifeblood. As can be seen, we have increased our interest and several members returned for the December jam session. Special thanks to George Smith & Del Gomes for leading the bands on stage. Rhonda Cardinal organizes the group and tunes. Let her know your requests! This month's MVP Jammer was Jeff Cardinal: Drums, Bass, Vocals, etc. A musical Jeff of all trades. He also ran sound.

## **Rhonda Sez: Jubilee Results & Plans**

Jubilee 2016 was a financial success, due in no small part, to the fundraising efforts of our Committee (w/ special thanks to John & Linda Shorb). At our last meeting, we voted to transfer \$10,000 into the Treasury of the Basin Street Regulars, thereby assuring that our sponsor club would continue to operate in the black for 2017. This, along with some other grants that we will be applying for should assure that we will be able to continue to offer our monthly Sunday sessions for the foreseeable future. Many thanks to the efforts of all of the BSR volunteers supporting the Jubilee with their money and valuable time.

We are gearing up for the 2017 Jubilee. We have met with both the Cities of Arroyo Grande and also Pismo Beach to see if we might be able to get some hard-wall venues to replace some of the tents. Both cities have been most accommodating

We have reserved the South County Regional Center in AG as a new venue. This facility has excellent accommodations including walls and a ceiling, kitchen, & bar area side rooms that can be used for merchandizing (Walls and Ceilings, What a Concept!). There is also plenty of parking, A short distance away is the "Women's Club", another excellent facility with a very large parking lot. We are not sure if it will be available, but we will be submitting an application for the Women's Club as well.

The City of Pismo offered to help us get space in the banquet hall at the Ventana Grill and also in the new hotel currently under construction. One or both of these facilities may replace the Addie Street tent, TBD. There are some interesting possibilities here, particularly for a high-end venue. We shall see, but the more options the better...

Stay tuned on venues. There will be some changes: The tents are a painstaking and pricey process. We were very fortunate this past year to withstand the rain. Thanks Hugh!

The Committee will be discussing these options at our January 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting in the Skyroom at the Edgewater at 3:00 p.m. All interested members are welcome to attend.

## **Rhonda Sez: Jubilee Bands & Meetings**

We have started contacting our "must-have" bands including Midiri Brothers, Chop Suey, High Sierra, Creole Syncopators, Barnharts, Coots and others. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Everyone wants to play the Jubilee.

During 2017, we will closely examine what the Jubilee performance schedule should be, how many bands we want to hire, and how we can make the festival easier to put on. Getting hard venues instead of tents is just one way that we are investigating to make the festival process simpler.

We are also always on the lookout for new bands. If you know of a group that you would like to see, feel free to contact one of our board members or express your own views in person or via email. Typically, if we have not heard a group before we try to schedule them for a Sunday Session first. Space is limited for our popularly played Jubilee, but there is always room for improvement. What would you like to hear? Would you be willing to help sponsor a particular group?

As you can see, there is quite a bit of preplanning that goes on for our Jubilee, we are more than 8 months away and have already started 2017 planning. It takes a lot of work and people. Please help us plan these events. We need people.

Below are listed our upcoming meetings: Please feel free to attend as you wish. All are held at 3:00 in the Skyroom of the Edgewater Inn in Pismo Beach, unless otherwise noted. We hope that you will join us.

**January 24th Venues**, Jubilee Schedule, Bands

**January 31st** Bands, Hotel Reservations

**February 21st** Ticket Sales, Special Events

**February 28th-** Buses, Band Transportation

# Odds and Ends

## ATTENDEES

The results of the Band Evaluations and the Attendance Survey are being tabulated. We hope to attract our Jubilee attendees to our Sunday Sessions. Some new volunteers have stepped forward to replace some of the positions on the Jubilee Committee that need to be filled. Please let us know if you want to be part of the biggest and best music event in SLO County.

## NEWSLETTER

If you are not receiving your newsletter by email or by snail mail, please let us know via e-mail to: [PismoJazz2015@gmail.com](mailto:PismoJazz2015@gmail.com) or call John Shorb at (805) 772-5367. <http://pismojazz.com/newsletters.htm>.

## LOST AND FOUND

Fran Willey, [fwilley82@gmail.com](mailto:fwilley82@gmail.com) is collecting all the lost and found. She has seat cushions, coffee cups, water bottles and even an unopened CD. Did anyone **FIND** some earrings, eye glasses or a Man's medical bracelet? Please contact Fran concerning any of these items. 805-772-2652

## TEE SHIRTS: Get 'em While You Still Can!

SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION by buying the Jubilee tee shirts celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We need someone to help us sell the remaining tee shirts. Please step forward if you can help with this endeavor. E-mail us at [Pismojazz2015@gmail.com](mailto:Pismojazz2015@gmail.com). We will bring some of the Jubilee T-Shirts and mugs to our January Sunday session and offer them for sale. Any volunteers to help peddle them? T-shirts are \$15.00 each & the mugs are \$10 each. These are collector's items!

## Dues Now Due (be doo be doo) for 2017

We are happy to report that effective the beginning of January, we have a total of 318 members. We are including those members who were paid in 2016 but have not renewed - yet. We encourage those who haven't already sent in their dues to do so this month. We will consider you an active member through February. Please include your email address when you renew so we can send your newsletter via email instead of through the post office. Help us cut our costs this year. Thank you. John Shorb. Your dues can either be mailed to: Basin Street Regulars, Attention Membership, P O Box 356, Pismo Beach, CA 93448 or pay at the next Sunday Session. John Shorb, 805-772-5367 or [johnRshorb@gmail.com](mailto:johnRshorb@gmail.com)

## Publicity, Help!!

Hundreds of LOCAL music lovers were exposed to the Jubilee in October. Many of them do not know that Basin Street Regulars put on that fantastic festival. We need to let them know about Basin Street Regulars, the Sunday Sessions, and the important work we do encouraging young musicians. We need members to submit 2 or 3 paragraphs a month for the "Good News," local news, and "Talent Call" sections in the local newspapers.

Another little job is sending emails about our Sunday Sessions to the Senior centers and retirement homes (We will provide the flyers). These are small jobs that are just not getting done. Please contact us if you can help us out in any way. [pismojazz2015@gmail.com](mailto:pismojazz2015@gmail.com).

**On the Horizon:** Cuesta College's jazz program led by Ron McCarley formed a Dixieland Jazz Combo this semester. It was the kids' idea. So proud. We are all about the kids and sustaining our music. Stay Tuned!

## MEMBERSHIP

### Yearly Membership Costs

- ◆ Youth, not included in "family plan", \$15
- ◆ Single member, \$25
- ◆ Couple, \$40
- ◆ Family plan, \$50
- ◆ Silver Membership \$100 per person

### Session Costs

- ◆ Members -- \$5.00    ◆ Guests — \$10.00
- ◆ Silver Members — FREE

### Membership Chairman:

John Shorb [treasurer@pismojazz.com](mailto:treasurer@pismojazz.com)  
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Memberships: purchase/renew at  
the Sunday session or mail:  
BSR Membership  
PO Box 356  
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### Business & Board Meetings

All meetings will begin at 3:00 pm, generally in the Sky Room of the Edgewater Inn, Pismo Beach. Meetings are scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Members are welcome at all meetings 🎵

### Off Beat is Accepting Advertisements

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### Sunshine Point of Contact

One of our volunteers, Barbara Ubben, sends sympathy & get well cards to our members/families on behalf of BSR. If you know someone that needs a little support, please contact Barbara at 805-937-5447. This month's sun shines on Tom Dutart after his recent hand surgery. Like Picasso, works of art. Get well soon Tom!



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## **BSR Upcoming Events 2017**

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| <b>Jan. 29</b> | <b>Yosemite Jazz Band</b><br><b>From Central California</b><br><b>Rag Bone Saints</b><br><b>From San Luis Obispo</b> |
| <b>Feb. 26</b> | <b>MARDI GRAS</b>  |
| <b>Mar. 26</b> | <b>Midnight Rose</b>   |
| <b>Apr. 30</b> | <b>West End Stompers &amp; Tevis</b><br><b>Junior High Band (Bakersfield)</b>  |

Venue: Veteran's Memorial Hall  
780 Bello Street, Pismo Beach

Times: Jams begin at 11:00 am  
Guest Band begins at 1:00 pm