



Our May Bands

The Pub Crawlers from Sacramento and the Cal Poly Jazz Band from San Luis Obispo will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' Sunday afternoon concert, 1:00 to 4:30 at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Memorial Building, 780 Bello Street, on May 20. Jam session starts at 11:00 (bring your instrument and join in).

The Pub Crawlers from Sacramento



The Pub Crawlers is a Sacramento (Sacramento-ish)-based band of aging musicians who have been playing together in various incarnations for, well, a bunch of years. You will recognize most of them, if you squint your eyes, from the Wooden Nickel Jazz Band. The front line of Dave Johnson, Otis Mourning, and Bob Williams is the most powerful, and possibly even the best, front line of any trad band in the northern hemisphere. Possibly... Pianist Bonnie Otto has bloodied more pianos, per capita, with her enthusiastic stride than a dozen men half her age. Professors Brian Simpson and Alan Parks, in addition to educating future generations of musicians (God save us!), lay out a solid and creative rhythmic bed that gives the front line just enough rope to hang itself. Grab a beer, lower your standards just a little, and come listen to the Pubcrawlers let their hair down!

Cal Poly Jazz Band



Cal Poly Jazz Band playing at a Sunday Session in 2017

Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands program combines the professionalism of a working big band with the academic rigor of cutting-edge big band repertoire.

The University Jazz Band #1 has been professionally contracted to perform at the world's largest jazz festival (the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee), the San Jose Jazz Society's Sunday jazz series, a swing dance series in Santa Barbara, the Morro Bay Jazz Festival, our own Jazz Jubilee by the Sea, and as an opening act for Don Byron and comedian Bob Newhart. The band also regularly performs at swing dances on the Cal Poly campus.

Guest artists that have performed with the University Jazz Bands include DJ Logic, Taylor Eigsti, Mary Fettig, Arturo Sandoval, Bill Watrous, Mel Martin, Bobby Shew, Clark Terry, Red Holloway, Louie Bellson, Billy Childs, Kevin Mahogany, Thelonious Monk, Jr., Bruce Forman, and James Carter.

The University Jazz Bands have received unanimous superior evaluations at collegiate jazz festivals, and Jazz Band #1 was rated as the best

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four-year collegiate big band at U.C. Berkeley's Pacific Coast Collegiate Jazz Festival. Basin Street Regulars is proud to have this accomplished band in our own back yard.



April Recap

April was a great month. The hall was filled with people anxious to see Mission Gold and the return of the Tevis Ranger Junior High Jazz Band. Tevis really brought their A-game to the jam session, with at least 5 student musicians on stage for every set. But we managed it and we all had a great time. See jam session article for the details.

Mission Gold was a real crowd pleaser, with dance tunes as well as eclectic classics. The pros were in the house.



But the big hit of the day was the Tevis Ranger band. In a tribute to Gordon Willey, the band entered from the lobby playing a somber version of "Just a Closer Walk With Thee", New Orleans style. Once on stage they launched into their set, impressing the audience with their professionalism. There are seven applicants from this band attending Sacramento camp on BSR scholarships this year. Russ Wright announced the passing of the hat halfway through their set and we collected an impressive \$568 from the assembled crowd. The donations and the



honorarium paid by BSR will go directly for new instruments or repairs and for new music. Overall, it was a very good day for this young band.



Russ Wright hands over the collection to Kelly Willey, Tevis band leader (Gordon Willey's daughter-in-law)

Mission Gold started their second set by honoring Gordon with a soulful rendition of "St. James Infirmary". A slow BSR procession ensued, led by Russ Wright, who also won the cake walk, sharing his umbrella and the cake with two young ladies from the audience. Following this, the band played out their final set to the enjoyment of the audience, especially since audience members had selected the tunes. The day concluded at its normal time at 4:30.

Basin Street Loses Long-Time Supporter Gordon Willey

Gordon Willey's family and BSR friends said goodbye to Gordon at the April Sunday Session with music from Mission Gold and the Tevis Rangers Junior High Band.

Gordon E. Willey, 90, died beautifully and peacefully in his Morro Bay home on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 1, 2018, with his family present and with the gentle and professional support of his Wilshire Hospice Team. Gordon, born in Long Beach, California, was a U.S. Army and Navy veteran of both WWII and the Korean War, and a Kern County Fireman until his retirement in 1986. Gordon was a member of the Basin Street Regulars Jazz Society and volunteered for many years at the Jubilee by the Sea. A large number of his BSR friends were able to attend the celebration of Gordon's life at the Cayucos Community Church on April 28.

Gordon is survived by his wife of 63 years, Franciel Willey, sons Steven and Kevin, daughter Sharon Logan, and their spouses. Above all else, Gordon was a loving, caring, and involved husband and father and a generous friend to all. We will miss him.

Note to BSR from Fran:

Thank you to BSR for the wonderful tribute to Gordon at the April Sunday Session. My daughter, son, and I were overwhelmed by all the love that was shown. Also, thank you for all the cards, calls, and hugs – they were much appreciated.

Love to all from Fran Willey and Family

Charles E. Blair, MD



Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired)



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SLO Jazz Fest Postponed

Sad news – due to lack of funding, the SLO Jazz Fest has been postponed to 2019. More information is available on their website (<http://www.slojazzfest.org/>), and refunds will be automatically processed if you already bought tickets. New shows are planned for the weekend of May 18-19, 2018 to showcase some of the bands that would have been in the festival:

Friday, May 18 at The Four Cats (former Steynberg Gallery) in San Luis Obispo, G2 Project will open at 6:00 P.M. for TrioKAIT, who will start at 7:30 (doors open at 5:30, tickets at <http://www.slojazzfest.org/>).

Saturday, May 19 at The Four Cats, the Anton Schwartz Quintet will play from 3:30 P.M. until 5:30 (doors open at 3:00, tickets at <http://www.slojazzfest.org/>).

Saturday, May 19 at Tooth & Nail Winery in Paso Robles, Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca will put on a high-energy dance show from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 (gates open at 6:00, tickets at <https://my805tix.com/events/ricardo-lemvo-makina-loc>).



Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi to Perform in Salinas

International piano stars Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi will perform at a fundraiser at the Sacred Heart Cislini Youth Center in Salinas on June 22 at 7:00 P.M. This is a fundraiser for Sacred Heart's school music program. BSR has been given an informational poster and a few tickets. Copies of the poster will be brought to the May Sunday session. For additional information about this concert, please contact Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402.



House Concerts

There are three house concerts scheduled in our area in August. The first is Sunday, August 5, in

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Atascadero from 1-4 P.M., featuring Holland, Coots, and Leyland. The price is \$30; kids ages 5-12 are free. There is also a concert in San Luis Obispo on Monday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. featuring Holland and Coots. For information about either of these two concerts, contact slomusictoday@gmail.com. A third concert featuring Holland, Coots, and Leyland will be held Wednesday, August 8, in Orcutt from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Food will be available at the Atascadero and Orcutt concerts. For information about the Orcutt concert, contact Jeff or Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402 or email at jwcardinal@msn.com.



Jubilee Corner

We are now six months away from our festival. All the contracts have been sent to the bands, including the school bands, the food vendors are all in place, and the venue agreements are all nailed down. Our big advertising push is starting. Individual donation-request letters will be sent soon. Grants have been applied for. The next big task is the schedule, and Susie West has kindly volunteered to help put that together. Our upcoming meetings are listed below. If you would like to participate or be a volunteer, please call Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402 or Peggy Meade at (805) 710-0783.

- ◆ May 15 – Pat’s at Pat’s, 2:00 to 4:00 (note special time)
- ◆ May 29 – Seacrest at Seacrest 3:00, then to Edgewater
- ◆ June 12th – Program, Evaluations, 3:00 Edgewater



“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.” -Berthold Auerbach, German writer (1812-1882)

Prez Says

It’s May and the sun is shining and the birds are singing. Summer is just ahead. We are about to welcome our new website, or rather a facelift of the old.



We are considering adding credit card payment availability for membership dues. The dues amount will be the same as January and will change in July to 50%.

The bar has been having drink specials, so check them out.

Our great Mexican food is continuing through May, but will take a break in June, so we will have an opportunity to enjoy another terrific food concession. We will be back to our regular Mexican food in July.

Remember, if you are a dancer and would like a partner, get your flower at the front desk as this will identify your desire to dance and have fun.

Sandy Smallwood 🎵🎵🎵♥
BSR President/Membership Chair



Upcoming Festivals

- ♪ Hot Jazz Jubilee (Sacramento), Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31-Sep. 3
- ♪ Sun Valley Jazz Festival (Idaho) Oct. 18-22
- ♪ Jazz Jubilee by the Sea (Pismo) Oct. 25-28
- ♪ Arizona Classic Jazz Festival (Chandler), Nov. 1-4
- ♪ West Coast Ragtime Festival (Rancho Cordova), Nov. 16-18
- ♪ San Diego Jazz Fest, Nov. 21-25

Dance, Dance, Dance!

- ♪ 39 Plus Dance Club, Morro Bay. Every Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Morro Bay Vet's Hall, 773-6536. Live music! Bring your lunch. Potluck last Wednesday of the month. \$8.00.
- ♪ 39 Plus Dance Club, Pismo Beach. Second Monday every month, 1:00 PM, Pismo Vet's Hall. Dancing to live music. Lunch available, \$7.00.



Jam Session

In April, the stage was full of enthusiastic players from the Tevis Rangers Junior High Jazz Band. Everyone on stage had a wonderful time playing with them.

Set 1 featured Jeff C and Tevis players on trumpet, Rhonda and Tevis players on alto sax, Del Gomes on clarinet, Dean K and Tevis players on tenor sax, Richard Woodworth on soprano sax, Paul Buscaino on trombone, Dee Trent on banjo, Frank Coop on guitar, Joel Siegel on bass, George Smith on piano, Anne Abler and Kris Baird on washboard, and Fernie Monreal and Kevin Willey on drums. Featured songs included After You've Gone with Richard on vocals, Do You Know What It Means with Sandy on vocals, Slow Boat to China with Rhonda on vocals, and a knock-out performance of That Old Black Magic with Paul Reid on piano and vocals. Del conducted; Fernie ran sound.

Set 2 featured these changes: George Smith on trumpet, Tom Dutart on tuba, a Tevis player on bass, Paul Reid on piano, Jeff and Tevis players on trombone, Fernie on drums, and Joel Siegel on violin. Featured songs included The Mooche, Borneo Bay with Dee Trent on vocals, Alexander's Ragtime Band with Paul on vocals, Exactly Like You with Sandy on vocals, and It's a Sin to Tell a Lie with Tom Dutart on vocals. Dean conducted.

Set 3 featured these changes: Jim West on trumpet, Paul B on trombone, Joel Seigel on bass, Ken Heiges on drums, Richelle Cross and George Smith on piano. Featured songs included Way

Down Yonder with Sandy on vocals, Ice Cream with Richard on vocals, Blue Skies and Pennies from Heaven with Melody Mize on vocals (welcome back, Melody!), and I Never Knew with Richelle on vocals. Del conducted; Jeff ran sound.

The Tevis kids were great. Once again, a large number of them (seven) are going to jazz camp. We will see them at Jubilee. Next month is Cal Poly. We might see a few jammers from their band. In the meantime... See you soon.

Rhonda Cardinal ♪



HELP WANTED

Our Club needs all kinds of help to keep our Sunday sessions operating successfully. Below are some ways you can help us if you have some spare time and a willingness to share it.

Help at the Door

We need some people to volunteer at the front door for one to two hours at the Sunday sessions. This is a great way to meet people and give them a good first impression of our club. If you are interested and available, please see Eva Ackerman at the next Sunday session or call her at (661) 305-3606.

Look for Scrapbook Entries

Check New Times and Coast News and other publications for articles about our Sunday session and Jubilee. Present and report at the Board meetings. Give articles to the scrapbook coordinator. For more information, please contact Linda Shorb at (805) 772 5367.

Put Scrapbook Entries in Scrapbook

Put the collected scrapbook entries in BSR scrapbooks. For more information, contact Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402.

The Board greatly appreciates anything our members can do to keep our club viable. If you think you can devote a few hours a month for us, please contact the people listed in the help wanted ads above.

A Blast From the Past!

Enjoy some pictures from last December's holiday party!



Charlie Blair



Ed and Darlene Brown



Darlene and Don Riebow



Sharon Marshall



Richard Harvey and Nancy Ragsdale



Lana Fleming



Frederick Clegg



George and Richelle Smith



Diane Brand



Martha King

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 Chairperson

Sandy Smallwood, sandysmallwood@charter.net

Memberships

Purchase/renew at Sunday session or by mail:
 BSR Membership
 PO Box 356
 Pismo Beach, CA 93448

Business and Board Meetings

All meetings will begin at 3:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month, generally in the Sky Room of the Edgewater Inn, Pismo Beach. All members are welcome. We need your support here!



Sunshine Point of Contact

Eva Ackerman sends sympathy and get-well cards to our members/families on behalf of BSR. If you know someone who needs a little support, please contact Eva at (661) 607-4138.



OffBeat Accepting Ads

We accept ads. Prices are as follows: business-card size \$15.00; 1/4 page \$25.00; 1/2 page \$50.00. 50% discount if you buy an ad for six months. Business-card-sized ad for one year is \$120. Mid-year purchases will be prorated.

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BSR Upcoming Events 2018

SUNDAY SESSIONS

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

Times Jams begin at 11:00 AM
Guest band begins at 1:00 PM

May 20 Pub Crawlers (Sacramento)
Cal Poly Jazz Band

June 24 Midnight Rose
Voodoo Doodads with Valerie Johnson
and Al B Blue

July 29 Ulysses Band (Santa Barbara)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 30 BBQ at the Cardinal house

Oct 25 - 28 Jazz Jubilee by the Sea