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Our December 14 Holiday Party Brad Lusk opening for Riptide Big Band at the Pismo Vets Hall

by Rhonda Cardinal

Brad Lusk (vibes) from San Luis Obispo will be the opening act and the Riptide Big Band from the California Central Coast will be the feature band playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' December Concert from 12:30 to 4:00 on Sunday the 14th at the Pismo Beach Veterans Building, 390 Bello Street in Pismo Beach. We will have a holiday jam session starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sonny and April Paz from Burgers and More will be our caterer. The menu is Chicken Parmesan, green salad with vinaigrette, garlic butter angel hair pasta and rolls. BSR will be providing pies for dessert. There will also be an eggplant parmesan option!

There are three tiers of ticket prices. Members who do not want a meal or champagne will pay \$10, non-members \$15. For all attendees who want a meal and champagne, the cost is \$25 charge this year. A champagne toast is only included with the \$25 ticket, but you can purchase champagne at the bar. You do not need to bring anything for the party but if you wish to have some snacks before lunch, please bring your own.

Guests who are not having a meal will be asked to sit on chairs that will be set up in the right wing (the usual dance floor). The dance floor for this event will be in front of the stage, surrounded by tables.

Silver members can attend for free. If you want the meal, you must RSVP to

Shonda Croly at (805) 937 2419 or shamrockshonda59@gmail.com or buy advance tickets for the meal. December 9th is the final day to make dinner reservations or buy dinner and show tickets through My805Tix. You must call Shonda if you want the eggplant parmesan. General Admission tickets will be available at the door. Shonda will keep the list of RSVPs and you will be checked in and given your lunch ticket at the door. If you have not RSVP'd, you will not receive a lunch ticket.

<https://www.my805tix.com/e/bsr-holidayparty-dec2025>

Featured Band - Riptide Big Band

Riptide Big Band under the direction of Judy Lindquist, has been entertaining listeners and dancers on the Central Coast since 2014. They serve as the house band at the Elwin Mussell Center in Santa Maria, playing monthly dances for the Santa Maria Valley Sr. Citizens Club & are always ready to perform at a private party, wedding or fundraiser. A traditional swinging 17-piece big band with vocalists, Riptide plays a wide variety of music genres from the 20s - 80s orchestrated for the Big Band format. Anything danceable!!! This is a fun group that is loaded with local talent! They hope you enjoy their program and they encourage you to attend their "free" dances in Santa Maria!



Opening Act: Brad Lusk

Brad Lusk on vibes will be our opening act to entertain you while lunch is being served and eaten. He will set up and play from the center dance floor so that you will be able to get a close look at him playing vibes! We think this will be a nice and accessible way to have a little live music going on during the meal.

**Schedule for Sunday Dec. 14***(Subject to Change)*

- 11:00 - 12:30- Jam Session**
- 12:30 - 1:55 – Brad Lusk (on dance floor)**
- 12:30 - 12:50 - change stage**
- 1:00 – Lunch Starts**
- 1:55 - Champagne Toast**
- 2:00 - 4:00 - Riptide Big Band
(with a break)**
- Elections during break**

Prez Says

This coming year, we will see an almost complete turnover of our BSR Board. Leaving us will be Linda Dutart, who has been our Treasurer and the voice of reason due to her many years of experience both professionally

and as a long-time member of the Board. I know I will be able to call on her for advice, but she is overdue for a replacement.

Bridget Hughes has been our dance representative for the last two years, helping us to create a program that will appeal to the Balboa dancers. Nancy Ragsdale has also been on the Board, representing the senior ballroom dance clubs that meet regularly in Morro Bay, Cambria and Pismo Beach. That program has really grown due to her diligence.

Jim Bull has been a board member for two years and has a lot of experience with club management due to his years with the Paradise British Car Club. He offers important insights as to the legality of contract clauses and the associated issues that can arise.

Juliann Hemphill is our newsletter editor and also a Board member. She has a lot of experience with the management of non-profits including Friends of Waller Park and Coastal Voices. She advised and helped us through our incorporation in 2021 and has provided valuable contacts and advice for us in the non-profit arena.

German Von Thal was on the Board for many years and had experience with investment accounts. He was instrumental in setting up our Morgan Stanley investment account, which has done very well. He stepped off the Board earlier this year and was replaced by Jon Mounts.

John Shorb was our immediate Past (Vice) President and filled that roll for about a year when he asked to be relieved of that duty so that he could do more traveling with his wife, Linda. Besides being Vice President, he was also Treasurer for a few years, overseeing the transfer of funds from one of our benefactors who gifted us part of his estate upon his passing. John continues to participate in Board meetings, along with Linda, when he is in town, offering advice and opinions. He also helps proofread the newsletter and the press

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On Instagram we are #basinstreetregulars! Don't miss out on photos and videos from our Sunday Sessions and from the Jazz Jubilee By the Sea.



Instagram



releases.

Christine Fanello has been our Treasurer for the last two years, supporting an organization much beloved by her father, Bern Verbitt. She brings corporate management experience to the table and is very thorough in recording and checking the accuracy of the minutes.

Last but not least is Curtis Reinhardt. He appeared on the scene about 2015, when we started taking over the duties of band selection and Jubilee from George Smith. He had a wealth of experience in show production due to his years of experience running concert venues, including our very own Clark Center. I found out that he was helping with publicity for the Parkfield Bluegrass Festival and asked him to assist us with Jubilee. This began a very productive relationship, planning shows and publicizing them. He worked closely with Valerie Mercado from Noble Productions and interfaced with his various Central Coast contacts to make sure our ads appeared in the right places. He became Vice President in 2024 and has worked tirelessly to re-envision our annual festival and make certain that we are taking advantage of all available advertising opportunities, including increased use of My805Tix for advanced ticketing to our events. He is ready now to pursue other interests, although he will continue to be available for advice and special projects, but he will most assuredly be missed.

Our new Board coming on is equally qualified to fill these shoes and I am excited to be working with them. Some have been attending meetings the last few months to get attuned to the business end of our organization and some will be completely new. Ed Rush and Bob McGhie come to us from the jam session regulars. Richard Harvey will be taking over from Nancy Ragsdale, representing the senior dance community. David Rosso will take over the Secretary roll; he has years of experience in project management. Jon Mounts also hails from the jam session regulars but he stepped in earlier this year to replace German Von Thal. He has since taken over the scholarship program from LaDean

Talcott and has also agreed to become our new Vice President. Rebecca Venturini has been training under Linda Dutart for the last year and is ready to take over the day to day management of the funds.

Shonda Croly is our membership chair and most of you have had many positive interactions with her. She continues as a Board member, performing many administrative tasks behind the scenes that allow our club to operate smoothly. We, and especially I, owe a lot to her diligence and attention to detail. I am very grateful that she has agreed to continue in her current position for the next two years.

So- here are your officers, past and present. Please vote by hand at the Sunday session or mail in your ballot as instructed, and we will continue to operate a vibrant, healthy club for years to come.

Thanks for being a voting member of the Basin Street Regulars !

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By-Law Amendments:

The Board has determined that we need to amend the BSR By-Laws to more closely reflect our current operations. Changes will include a minor update and broadening of our Mission Statement and a change to the number of Board members we require. We are eliminating the word "traditional" (jazz) from our mission statement. We are decreasing the number of non-officer Board members from 6 to 4. We are eliminating the position of Immediate Past President from the Board. We are decreasing our quorum from 6 to 5. We are eliminating a reference to annual elections. These amendments were deemed appropriate to reflect our current operations. We are presenting them in this newsletter and the Board will take a final vote on them in January. Gray font shows additions - strike through deletions.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which nonprofit corporations may be organized under the laws of the State of California, which shall be exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, scientific, and/ or literary purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). More specifically, the Corporation is organized and operated for:

- a. Preserving and promoting traditional jazz
- b. Providing a common meeting ground where jazz musicians can play their music to interested audiences.
- c. Providing liaison between jazz musicians, jazz societies, dancers and the listening public.
- d. Providing young musicians of high school and college age with the opportunity to play along with older and more experienced musicians.
- e. Providing musical programs at education institutions as a means of creating interest in traditional jazz among the youth of the area.

Section 4. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the Officers of the Corporation stated above, the immediate past President and 6 other members, to be elected annually by the general membership. Directors at large are elected for 2-year terms. The term commences on the first day of February.

Section 8. Quorum and Manner of Acting; Adjournment. At any meeting of the Board of Director: 6 directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Please contact Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 907 2097 or rhondacardinal51@gmail.com for comments or questions pertaining to these by-law amendments.

Ballot for December Meeting

According to the By-Laws, A complete slate of candidates will be published in the

December issue of OffBeat, the Society bulletin. Ballots shall be available only to members in good standing at the time of admission to the December monthly session. If there are no contests for any office, there can be a show of hands at the Monthly Session rather than ballots. Absentee ballots may be requested in advance and must be turned in, by mail or in person, to the Secretary 24 hours prior to the January Business Meeting.

Ballots shall be counted by three impartial individuals before the close of the January Business Meeting and the results announced at the meeting and, subsequently, in the bulletin of the Society. New or returning board members and officers will assume their new positions starting in February of 2026.

2026 Will Be Dry

The cost for serving alcohol at the Vet's Hall every month is about \$400 and accounts for 40% of the rental fee of \$1050. We do not generate anything close to that income on the bar. We have therefore decided not to operate one in 2026 except for very special occasions such as the Holiday party. We hope that you will take whatever steps are necessary to adjust to this new paradigm.

Video Recordings are Available:

Recordings are now available from our past BSR and Jubilee shows. To view these, go to our website, <http://basinstreetregulars.com/> and scroll down until you see the link for the BasinStreetRegulars YouTube Channel. Or go directly to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BasinStreetRegulars/>. You can also see it on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BasinStreetRegulars> and look under videos. And while you're at it, check out all of our videos, starting with the most recently uploaded.

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Help Support Livestream or Videotaping (even if you watch later):

Donate on-line at: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/basinstreetregulars>

or you can mail a check directly to: Basin Street Regulars
P.O. Box 356, Pismo Beach, CA, 93448

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have **277** members, **66** are Silver members. Our membership grew by 4 new members. Please welcome our new members, Ken MacRae, Lindsay, Brian, and Zander Spencer. If you are not a member, now is the time to join. We have a Special right now. Join now, and your membership will end on 12/31/2026. If you become a silver member now, your Holiday dinner will be included with your new membership. Members receive BSR Show discounts as well as discounts for various other community shows and the Jazz Jubilee Central Coast. Become a Silver Member, and you will save money now. Silver Members get in free at Sunday Sessions, get discounts on special events, and get to eat for free at the BSR BBQ and the Holiday Party. If you have any questions about membership or need to change your address, phone, or email, please reach out to me. I can be reached at 805-937-2419 or shamrockshonda59@gmail.com

Thank you, Shonda Croly, Membership

Membership Rates: **Student** \$20, **Single** \$35, **Couple** \$60 (these memberships pay \$5 to get into the Sunday sessions), **Silver** \$150 (per person, you get into Sunday Sessions and the BBQ for free!)

2025 Silver Members

Anne Abler &
Richard Woodworth
Alice Addison
Mary Baiamonte
Jim Borland
Diane Brand
Chris & Tom Brayton
Delaine Brown
Jim & Karen Bull
Paul Busciano
Tom & Sarah Butler
Alma Craven

Eric & Shonda Croly
Linda Dutart
Judy & Pete Felthousen
Linda Flaharty
Flemming Frederiksen
Therese Halon
Ricard Harvey
Tara Hoffmann
Laura Lacey
Lynn & Michael Link
Jack Macek
Sharon McCarthy

Eric & Trish McKay
Marianne Morgen
Loretta Newman
David Ogren
Gary Parkinson
RuthAnn Plumb
Sue Prior
Bill & Carol Reid
Curtis Reinhardt
Don Rowland
Ed Rush
Bill & Carol Rust

Susan Schneider &
Joel Siegel
Bill Sheckherd
Ron Shipman &
Judy Richart
Leticia Soria
Alan Sutterfield
LaDean Talcott
Jim & Cathy Trask
Craig Updegrove
Bern Verbit

German Von Thal &
Fran Courain
Jason Vork &
Vicki Pobor
Kathy Waxman
Margaretha Weiser
Fran Willey
Linda &
Priscilla Wilson

In the Wings

January 25 Show:

**Opening Act:
In Work**

**Feature Band-
Monte Mills and
his Lucky
Horseshoe Band!**



Monte Mills has become an icon of the California Central Coast. Monte's not only one of the last of the yodeling cowboys... He's the best! A Farrier and auctioneer by trade, he's the real deal. But he's more than just a singing cowboy. He's part of life around these parts. He's been instrumental in keeping traditional western swing country music alive introducing it to thousands of Cal Poly students and Central Coast residents each year. Saturday night

"Aggie Stomps" attract masses of swing dancers, new and old to experience this infectiously fun music that has become an energizing ingredient of the Central Coast experience.

Monte and The Lucky Horseshoe Band perform weekly at fairs, dances, private parties and more. He has performed for luminaries, politicians and entertainers including Kenny Rogers, Kenny Loggins, Michael McDonald, Monte Montana, President Reagan, Governor Dukemagian and others. He has recorded several albums, but the real joy is to see Monte perform live... Monte Mills is an effervescent entertainer that will bring a smile to your face and rhythm to your feet. His family-friendly shows are energetic with a contagious country swing beat that compels you to get up and dance. Do yourself a favor and catch this good-time cowboy singer in action.

