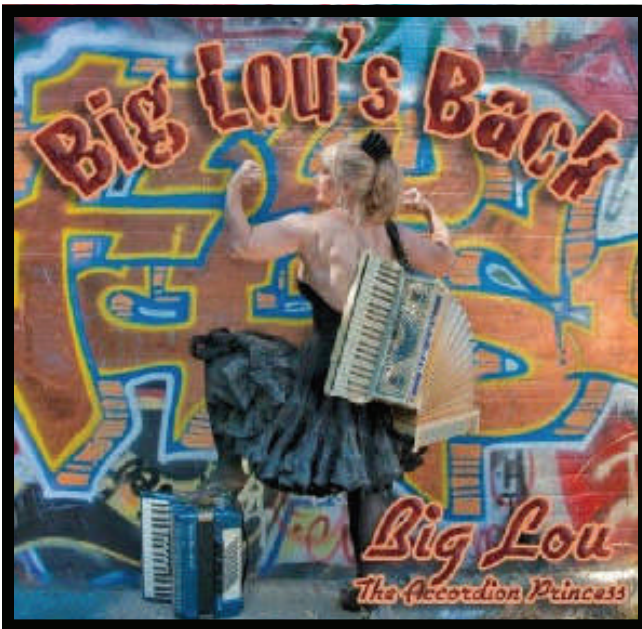


NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

August 2012

SVAS NEXT MEETING:
September 2, 2012 at Harry's Hofbrau



Join Us in September to hear Big Lou (Linda Seekins) She is a Bay Area Accordion Legend. She plays in Polkacide, founded Those Darn Accordions and now leads Big Lou's Polka Casserole. She also plays in the French cabaret trio, Salut Matelot, hosts online polka radio show. Linda enjoys playing all types of music: French, German, Cajun and other varieties.

Italian Family Festival

Saturday August 25, 2012 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm ; Sunday August 26, 2012 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Join your SVAS Musicians at the San Jose, Italian Family Festa at the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens near Little Italy in downtown San Jose.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT SVASociety.org



Ken Caple
President

Thank you all for coming to the August meeting. It was one of the largest audiences we have had. The Marrotta Band is always a special treat. We love their music and style. It was a great pleasure to see a 91 year old accordionist play so passionately and expertly. They certainly will be invited back in the future.

Please remember we have accordion events coming up for the next few months. Cotati is just around the corner and the Italian Family Festa is the last weekend of the month. Next month our players will be opening an early Oktoberfest in Gilroy then in October the Oktoberfest in Campbell is still planned at this time.

We appreciate your support of our accordion society. We all have fun playing and I hope everyone has just as much fun listening.



Hi, Folks: I have been asked by President Ken Caple to write up the August meeting in the absence of Sue Douglas. Sue, who does such a wonderful job of doing the program write-ups, was called away on personal business, and unable to attend the meeting. We missed you Sue, and will miss your writeup. I will do my best to fill her shoes!

WOW!!!!!!!!!! "WHAT A SHOW". Those are the comments which I heard many folks make both during and after the August SVAS Meeting/Show. We had over 118 attendees, and the enjoyment demonstrated by all of them was electrifying!

The "Pre-Program" portion of the meeting featured the "Jamboree Band." This group is the "Brain-child" of our President Ken, who wanted to establish a means for less experienced accordion players to perform in front of an audience. Sue Douglas volunteered to coordinate the group, and the result was a most enjoyable performance by the group. Members of the "Jamboree Band" who performed were: Marybarbara Zorio, Marcia Coullahan, Eric Scheel, Don Savant, William DeMichelis, Sherry Xie, Gloria and Bill Tapogna. Many of these folks had been rehearsing for several weeks in preparation for the August meeting, as well as diligently practicing on their own. The results were commendable, and the audience received them warmly. Marybarbara opened her home to the group for practices, and Gloria, William, myself and Don lent our considerable experience in guiding the group. It was wonderful to hear the results! A JOB WELL DONE! Our compliments to all the members who played in this group!



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ACCORDION REPAIR SHOP

Following the "Pre-Program", President Ken announced some of the up-coming events, including the Italian-American Family Festa in San Jose, as well as the Cotati accordion festival.

Master of Ceremonies Bill Tapogna (that's me, folks!) asked Mark Stevens (treasurer of the Santa Clara Valley Organ Club) to announce their up-coming meeting on August 19th, featuring Rosemary Bailey. She is a talent not to be missed!

Ivan Klitgaard put together a most enjoyable "First Half" program for us. Arranging for several players to commit to entertaining, then dealing with last-minute changes and substitutions can be a real challenge, and Ivan is obviously up to the task!



Our first entertainer was John Jelesko, who has not played for us previously. John's accordion is a well-seasoned Stradavox, and it sounds beautiful!! John played with obvious enthusiasm, and we enjoyed "Beautiful Ohio", "Whispering" and several other tunes. Thanks for performing for us, John!

Our next performer was a gentleman who has played for us several times, and each time we thoroughly enjoy his performance. Rudy Pivk brought his fantabulous Hohner Gola to play for us, and we enjoyed the type of tunes that always make Rudy a welcome treat for us to hear. He plays ethnic music that we seldom hear, and it is a welcome treat. Some of his selections were Balkan songs... "Manuela" and "Marina" as well as "Jambora". (I probably didn't get the names/spelling correct, but the music was Beautiful!) Many thanks, Rudy, and we look forward to hearing you often and again soon!



Ivan experienced the difficult situation of having a scheduled performer excuse himself at the last minute, and Ivan did what any enterprising showman would do...he "plugged" himself into the vacant slot! Good job, Ivan! Ivan has a most unique accordion--an "Italo-American" vintage box which incorporates a special feature: a tremolo switch which adds a most unusual effect when switched on. Ivan demonstrated this when he played "Tennessee Waltz," Other tunes included "Ciribiribin", "Glow Worm" and "Helena Polka" and Janets Waltz, a nice assortment of tunes, Ivan, and thanks for performing for us!



At the conclusion of the "First Half" we took a brief break which allowed folks to purchase raffle tickets and "stretch their legs".

During this time and unbeknownst to Bill and Gloria Tapogna a request was placed with Mike Marotta for the Anniversary Waltz in celebration of their 40th anniversary .

Welcome New Members: Albert Borges and Maggie McLoughlin



Vic Corsiglia won the Pot. William DeMichelis won the Hofbrau meal ticket, Barbara Winter won the Richard Noel CD and with Bill Caroline Escoto win the Steve Trucco CD.



Bill and Gloria dancing the Anniversary Waltz played by the Marotta Band for their 40th Anniversary.



Following the intermission and the raffle, we welcomed the "Featured Performers" of the day: **"The Mike Marotta Band"**. Now, we have enjoyed Mike and the gang on previous occasions, and they all have been Great! Somehow, this particular performance was "One for the Books!" Mike's group included Makucho Bonilla on vocals and percussion; Dave Dally on violin, and Steven Hansen on bass. And, of course, Mike Jr. on his Beltuna accordion! AND... Mike had two special treats for us: Cathy Williams did a fabulous job with her vocals! What a talent! And beautiful, too! (touch of class to the group!--as if they needed it! But Cathy was special!) AND...MIKE SR. not only was in attendance, but entertained us with his amazing talents on his accordion, as well as his engaging sense of humor! Mike Jr. announced that his dad had just turned 91 years of age! And what a performer he is! And what an inspiration! He and Cathy received several "Standing O's" as did the group as a whole. President Ken encouraged them to play overtime, to which they agreed wholeheartedly (especially after Ken brought them a nice bottle of wine to share!)



What a fabulous Show, Thanks to all who showed up to enjoy it.

COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: September 2 Meeting

Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: Garland Cheatham, Eric Scheel, Marcia Coullahan, Don Savant and Max Tarman.

2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions

2:15-3:00pm First Half Program : Steve Lupi, Joe Cozzitorto, Jerry Choate

3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing

3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Big Lou

October Feature- Steve & Mike Trucco Band

November Feature - Mario Pedone

December Feature - Absolut Accord

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Joe Domitrowich/Alpiners: see www.alpinersusa.com or www.capricious-accordion.com or call 408-255-1259

Mike Zampiceni - Accordionist 408 734-1565

AbsolutAccord: Schedule Concerts with Norma Parsons (408) 246-3073, www.absolutaccord.com

Sunday 7 : Schedule Concerts with Bob Stanfield (650) 888-3701

Happy Days Band: Schedule Concerts with Ken Caple (408) 892-2760

Due Zighi Baci— Schedule Performances with Sheri Mignano @ sfmignano@yahoo.com

Local Festivals

Musicians from the Silicon Valley Accordion Society may be playing at the following festivals. Come out to join us .

1. COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL , Cotati, CA August 18 & 19 , 2012
2. ITALIAN FESTA, San Jose , CA August 25 & 26 2012
3. OKTOBERFEST in Downtown Campbell, CA , October 13 & 14, 2012

WHEN THE ACCORDION CLUBS IN THE BAY AREA MEET?

Accordion Club of the Redwoods (ACR) meets on the third Monday of the month. Herman & Sons Hall, 860 Western Avenue, Petaluma CA 94952. Contact: (707) 795-4060.

Golden State Accordion Club (GSAC) has three divisions:

1. **The Vacaville Club** meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, Pietro's N.2, 679 Merchant St, Vacaville, CA 95687, Starting July 12, 2012, Except for June and December.
2. **The Humboldt Club** meets on the third Tuesday, 7:00 PM., Humboldt Swiss Club, 5403 Tompkins Hill Road, Loleta, CA 95551.
3. **The Sacramento Club** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Rd., Rancho Cordova CA, 95742. Contact for all the GSAC: Carole Enneking (707) 864-2359.

Good Time Accordion Club (GTAC) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM, Escalon Community Center, 1055 Escalon Ave., Escalon, CA 95320. Contact Ed Sciarini (209) 545-3603.

Northern California Accordion Society (NCAS) meets on the first Wednesday of the month 6:30 PM 6365 Douglas Blvd., Lutheran Church Social Hall, Granite Bay, CA 95746. Contact: Jerry Choate, President (530) 570-7318

San Francisco Accordion Club (SFAC) meets on the third Sunday of the month 2:00 PM . Oyster Point Yacht Club, 911 Marina Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080. Contact Lynn Ewing 650-453-3391.

Silicon Valley Accordion Society (SVAS) meets on the first Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129. (between Kiely Blvd. and Stevens Creek Blvd. Contact: Bill Topogna (408) 984-5290.



AUGUST 18 & 19, 2012 .



Mr. & Mrs Jack Wilson , new visitors to the SVAS meeting invited by Bill Tapogna. They are new members of the Silicon Valley Leathercraft Guild.

Gilroy / Morgan Hill Italian Festa Sept 8-9 2012
A small Band of SVAS Accordionists will be opening this Festival each day. This is a relatively new venue for our Players to participate. This Festa is open to all .

Announcement

Annual Dues were due in June. Please send a check for \$ 25.00 to: SVAS, PO Box 1513 , Los Altos, CA 94023, for your membership renewal. You may also bring a check or cash to the next meeting.

Thank you for your support of our club and for helping to keep our club thriving with good music and entertainment, as well as encouraging all to practice their accordions and play for the club.
- Bob Stanfield

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This year's 3-day festival will take place from **September 7th - 9th** at the Custom House Plaza in downtown Monterey.

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Italian Family Festa 2012

Silicon Valley Accordion Society Schedule of Players

SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 2012-

<u>TIME SLOT</u>	<u>SVAS PLAYER</u>
11:45 - 12:130 AM	Sunday Seven Band
12:35 - 12:55 PM	George Chavez
1:00 - 1:25 PM	Sue Douglas
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Sheri Mignano
2:15 - 2:45 PM	Garland Cheatham
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Herman Schmalzried
3:45 - 4:45 PM	Reno Di Bono
5:00 - 6:00 - Closing	William De Michelis

SUNDAY AUGUST 26, 2012 -

<u>TIME SLOT</u>	<u>SVAS PLAYER</u>
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Don Savant
11:45 - 12:30 PM	Jana Maas
12:35 - 1:05 PM	Steve Lupi
1:10 - 1:35 PM	Ivan Klitgaard
1:45 - 2:25 PM	Doris Sprugasci
2:30 - 3:00 PM	Sheri Mignano
3:15 - 4:00 PM	Vic & Barbara Corsiglia
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Bill Tapogna Bob Stanfield
5:10 - 6:00 - Closing	William De Michilis Victor Kolesnichenko

Silicon Valley Accordion Society meetings held first Sunday of each month at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, corner of Kiely. Doors open at 1:00, Music begins at 1:15, Meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. door fee \$5, under 16 no charge.