

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

April 2013

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:
May 5, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau**



SILICON VALLEY ACCORDION SOCIETY ANNUAL PICNIC

SVAS MEMBER PLAYERS WILL PERFORM FOR OUR MUSICAL ENJOYMENT



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Ken Caple, President

Here it is Spring again. We had a great meeting this month. We were happy to see Bill Tapogna back with us again. He was out with neck surgery. He is looking well and chipper. We also got word back from George Chavez that things are getting better for him. He just went through cancer surgery and then had unexpected issues come up afterward that he is getting past. William De Michele is recovering from a fall in his home. We need to give William as much of our support as possible during his recovery. Let me know if you want wish to contact William and pay him a visit.

We started our meeting thinking we were short of players but then as it turned out we had some volunteers and it all worked out well. Richard Noel was fabulous as usual and I am still amazed that he can play continuously with out a sheet of music. He has that Roland figured out and has improved on its original sound.

We will be missing our Reporter, Sue Douglas, for a few months and I would like to ask if we Can find a volunteer to fill it for a couple of months. Thanks to Georgia Sutherland for volunteering for the month of June.

I wish to give the family of Jerry Choate our condolences. Jerry passed away last month after battling cancer since last Fall. We will miss him and all he has done for our Accordion Community.

Last but not least, Thank all of you that brought in goodies to share with everyone, This is great.



GLORIA SUTHERLAND

CHUCK VALASHAM

Eric started us with seven songs he has been practicing on his Roland. He has been getting some help from Richard Noel to gain more sound and instrumental control from his Accordion.

Gloria Sutherland treated us with a Sing-a-long variety of songs popular in Australia. Her daughter lives there and it has inspired her to play songs from “Down Under”

Chuck Valasham who is working in the Bay Area temporarily from back east ,volunteered to play at the last meeting. He did a great job playing a couple of songs for us. And promised to join in again.



ERIC SCHEEL

Last minute volunteers came to our aid, both Bob and Vic added to our listening pleasure with a mix of songs from their band book. The Marianna Waltz and Polka Excelsior are not all that easy to play but they did a wonderful job.

Thank You to all of our preprogram Players. Also Vic has taken a liking to my accordion so Vic you are welcome to use it anytime.

BOB STANFIELD AND VIC CORSIGLIA



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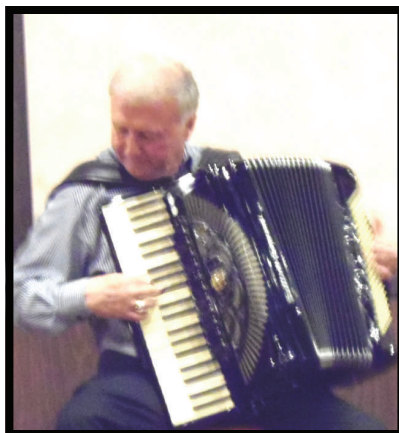
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SKYLER FELL



RUDY PIVK



IVAN KLITGAARD

We had a great line up for our First Half performers. Skyler is always a treat and even though she started off as an Instrumentalist she ended up also singing despite her past cold. Skyler played a variety of Klesmer tunes. She was inspired to place this type of music as it goes back to her roots. Her parents were both Jewish and from Ukraine.

Skyler's beautiful sounding Dallape, 1920 vintage accordion, is a piece of art from the Old World of Italian accordion making. She has taken it apart and completely restored it to its great condition. Good job Skyler.

Skyler has just returned from a 3,000 mile road trip with her "Accordion Babes Revue" playing all the way from Vancouver to Los Angeles. We are hoping to get them to play for us in the future.

Rudy Pivk has become very comfortable playing for us. He had an outstanding performance and played each piece very well and with a lot of confidence. A few years ago he was very reserved and a little nervous but each time he plays for us he gets better and more comfortable. This is the best I have heard him play and it was outstanding.

Rudy played a variety of songs from Eastern Europe, Serbia, Hungary. He also threw in some great American melodies at the end.

Ivan Klitgaard has played many years in public and does it well. He plays fast and slow songs with ease. He has a unique accordion with a selectable vibrato built in to the accordion. I have never seen another instrument like his and the sound Effect is very pleasing.

Max Tarmann entertained us during our break. It has been a while since we have had such a spread of cakes and goodies brought in by our members and visitors. It was great and I'm sure everyone had more than their share. Thanks to everyone that brought these delights in for our enjoyment.



Max Tarmann



Bill Tapogna Richard Noel



Our Visitors and guests



Buying Raffle Tickets

New Members:



Bob Stanfield & Norma Zonay-Parsons held the Raffle drawing this month and to what great surprise. Norma won the Pot of \$ 40.00 They both swear it wasn't fixed and in fact it was the first time this had happened in all these years. Next ,Barbara Corsiglia won the Harrys' Hofbrau meal ticket , Sue Cristola won the CD and Maria Dixon won the book donated by Norma.

RICHARD NOEL FEATURED MUSICIAN

Richard drove up from Bakersfield after an exhausting trip to Texas playing his accordion nearly non-stop. Richard, we appreciate you coming up to play for us. It is always a treat to hear Richard as he gets more out of his Roland than most people on the planet. He played a variety of music that utilized the instrumentation to go with the song. I am always impressed at how the pan flute, the Horns in general and strings come through. Richard has the customizable sound qualities of the instrument optimized to be as real as possible. Richard is a good promoter of this instrument.

We all enjoyed listening to you and thank you for playing overtime. We didn't want you to stop.



SVAS Annual Picnic

It's PICNIC TIME AGAIN...come join in on the fun at our May 5th indoor picnic at Harry's Hofbrau. The food will be set up by 12:30 and the music will be provided all afternoon by our members. Should be a great afternoon. If anyone would like to bring cakes, cookies, dessert items, please feel free to do so. We are providing Brats, rolls, German potato salad, green salad, saurkraut, and iced tea, The lunch is free for our members, courtesy of Silicon Valley Accordion Society. Our normal door fee of \$5 is still applicable, to help pay for the room rental. We have lots of players signed up to entertain you all afternoon. See you on May 5th.



COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: May 5 Meeting

Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: SVAS Picnic Players2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions2:15-3:00pm First Half Program : SVAS Picnic Players3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: SVAS & Frank LaDuccaJune—Tangonero BandJuly—The Left Bank BandAugust -

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♫ **Who's Playing???** ♫

William DeMichelis—Music with an accent, 408-375-0001, accordionist.sanjose@comcast.net

Reno di Bono plays the second Friday of each month at **Montavalle** in Scotts Valley, dancing to the **Blue Moon Trio**.

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

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) 345-2031

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.



Farewell to Jerry

Jerry Choate, from Chico, CA was be our featured performer for June 2010. Jerry was an accomplished accordion player with much versatility in the types of music he played. He played the standard accordion tunes, German music, Italian, swing, polkas and waltzes. Jerry started playing the accordion in 1950, playing only periodically for several years, then picked it up seriously again in 1983. He studied with Eino Manty of Berkeley and John Molinari of Oakland. Jerry was President of the Northern California Accordion clubs. He helped start the Roseville club in 2002 (Northern California Accordion Society) serving as a board member the first year, and is a board member for the current fiscal year. Jerry had a career working in Credit and Collections retiring from the Paradise Post newspaper. Jerry had a combo called "The Treble Makers" consisting of his accordion, drums, and trombone, playing

mostly at retirement homes, Oktoberfests and parties in Butte County.

Jerrold "Jerry" Choate obituary:

Jerrold Glen Choate, 70, of Chico passed peacefully on March 24 after a six-month battle with cancer. Born in Oakland, Jerry graduated Albany High in 1960 and served in the Army from 1967-1969 in Alaska. He married in 1975 and settled in Chico. An accordion player since age 8, Jerry played gigs throughout northern California, both solo and with his band, The Treble Makers. He was a founding member and current president of Roseville Accordion Club. He is survived by his wife Judy of Chico, daughter Stacey Knowles of Oregon, son Brian (Lindsey) of Plumas Lake, sister Judy (Rich) Stoyko of Hayward, three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Memorial service Friday, April 12, at 2pm, Butte Bible Fellowship Church, 2255 Pillsbury Road, Chico.

NEWS

The Silicon Valley Accordion Society will not be playing at the Italian Family Festa this year in the Guadalupe river park, downtown San Jose in August. The Board of Directors decided that the audience was too small for the amount of effort it took to organize, set up and perform at the festival. The open venue created a lot of music drift between stages causing interference.

RENO DI BONO

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Important Notice

Silicon Valley Accordion Society meets the first Sunday of the month with few exceptions. We do have an exception coming up that I would like everyone to know about well in advance. The First Sunday of September is the Labor Day holiday. This is that last big long weekend of the summer season for people to get out or take off so we are changing our meeting to the 8th of Sept.

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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.