

NEWSLETTER OF THE

Silicon Valley Accordion Society

March 2013

**SVAS NEXT MEETING:
April 7, 2013 at Harry's Hofbrau**

Richard Noel, originally from Portland, Oregon, is a retired Professor of Psychology from CSU Bakersfield. He played in numerous accordion contests as a youth, culminating in a first-place solo trophy at the American Accordionists' Association contest in New York City at age 18. During his teaching career he played a few times a month with a combo, mostly for dance music.

After retiring, the V-Accordion provided the impetus to expand his career in creative ways. He has uploaded well over 30 songs on YouTube at his "BakersfieldAccordion" channel. These include a variety of songs arranged by Richard specifically for the Roland FR-7x, including "Il Postino," "Thus Spake Zarathustra," "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," "Phantom of the Opera," "The Swan," "Padam, Padam," "Harlem Nocturne," and "Pink Panther." He uses his own specially programmed registers and soundsets that allow him to instantly change styles as needed, and these sets have become popular additions for Roland owners across the world. His youtubes include not only numerous songs but instructional videos on programming and playing the FR-7x, FR-3x, and FR-1x, and even a description of his homemade accordion stand. The total views of his channel are currently more than 800,000.

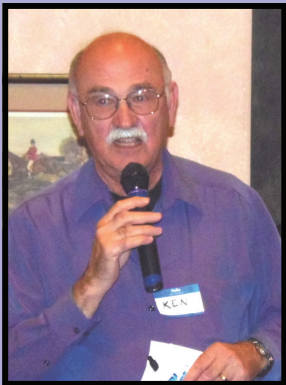
He has been invited to provide workshops at the 2013 National Accordion Association convention in Dallas, March 6-10. There he will give a special "musicality" workshop as well as a workshop for V-Accordion owners.

His greatest enjoyment comes from playing music from various cultures and in various styles, and demonstrating to audiences the versatility of this great instrument. He experiments almost daily with new ways of using the 7x to express musical ideas. He emphasizes the use of the self-contained internal capabilities of the v-accordions to create almost any style of music.

Richard resides in Bakersfield, CA



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Ken Caple, President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE -

March was a very good meeting for attendance and performances. We had two bands from our own Club playing. Sunday 7 and the Jamboree band. With Norma and Louis it made for a special day; and of course following them, we had Due Zighi Baci, Sheri and Michael are always a great combo. It was all great entertainment.

As I had announced at the meeting, our Master of Ceremonies, Bill Tapogna has been out with a surgery that was unexpected. He lost the feeling in his left hand and it was traced to pinched nerves in his neck that needed immediate attention. He is looking forward to a speedy recovery so he can get back to the squeeze box.

As a reminder to all musicians who wish to play at our Picnic on May 5th, please sign up to play or contact Barbara Corsiglia or any Board member.

I have a special Congratulations to Sandy Stut and Steve Walters on their marriage. Tying the knot is a big step in life and I sincerely wish them be very best.



Scott Bader and Al Cully at the ready to sell raffle tickets.



SVAS is so happy when people want to learn to play the accordion, and before Bob Stanfield's Sunday 7 Band started to entertain us, Bob gave new member, John Olson, an encouraging accordion lesson. Super! Keep it up, John. One of the songs that the Band played was Edelweiss. When they played Carolina in the Morning, the Tuba player, Don Brayton, sang that one with good old country expression. With Your Cheatin' Heart, Vic Corsiglia asked us to sing and we did. They played the Beer Barrel Polka and Just Because and polka rhythm makes you want to dance. Their last couple of songs were I Can't Give You Anything But Love and Jalisco. SUNDAY 7---YEAH!



Sue Douglas, SVAS Reporter



Sunday 7 band

L-R: Bob Stanfield, Dan Brayton, Scott Stanfield, Scott Williamson, Gloria Tapogna, Vic Corsiglia, Barbara Corsiglia

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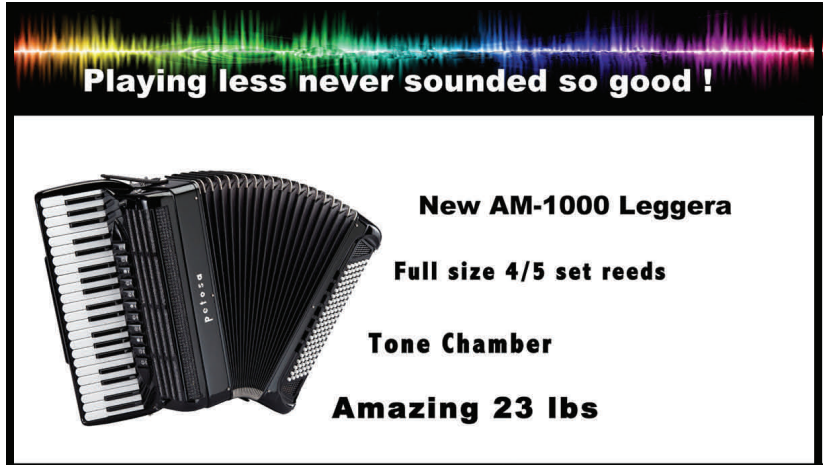
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Cotati Accordion Festival

August 17 & 18, 2013



Congratulations to the engaged couple, Steve and Sandie, who will be getting married in April! And happy birthday to Rick Trahan for March 24th.



LOUIS RODRIGUEZ and wife Shirley

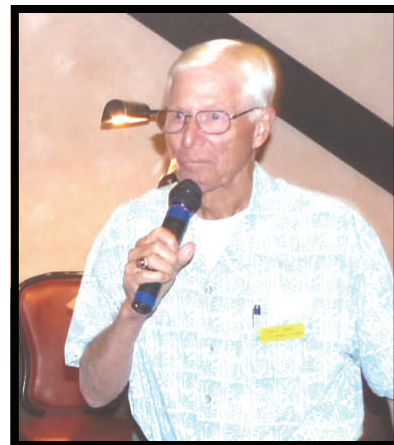


Well Saint Patrick's Day is coming up soon, so our first first-half players, the Jamboree Band, played eight Irish-style melodies, including ones you don't hear often called Peggy O'Neil, Where the River Shannon Flows, When You and I Were Young Maggie and The Wild Rover. Their finale was an Irish medley including Danny Boy and Wearing of the Green, and sure enough, they all wore green!

Our second first-half player, accordion teacher, Norma Zonay-Parsons, played and sang When You're Smilin' and McNamara's Band. She looks at us and smiles while she plays and sings and that makes us chuckle. She played Across the Irish Sea and On the Sunny Side of the Street. I'm so glad someone in the audience asked Norma to play and sing the Money song! She makes it a total comedy! Money, Money, Money!



When our third first-half player, **Louis Rodriguez**, started out with The Drummer's March, composed by Hermann Zilcher, he used the bass and bellows to sound like a drum! Try it sometime. It sounds so drummy! With his next piece, Jorge Adios, by Astor Piazzolla, he used the bass for a very dramatic single push approach. As he played Gypsy Airs, by Curt Mahr, I noticed that Louis looks to the side at the sheet music, not at the keyboard, and yet he knows exactly which key to touch anyway! When he introduced his finale called Happy Music, by Richard Kubinszky, Louis said, "My wife likes to call it Happy Music." Our photographer took a picture of Louis' wife, Shirley.



Ivan Klitgaard



Raffle-time and Lorrie won half the pot, Pam won the Hofbrau meal ticket and Gordon, Carol and Paul won the CD's. Happy days!

Due Zighi Baci



Two Little Gypsy Kisses, accordionist, Sheri Mignano Crawford and Tenor, Michael Van Why, Due Zighi Baci, took us on a nautical voyage from Valencia to Casablanca. In Valencia, when Michael would sing the last note in a measure, he would then SNAP the castanets to emphasize the note. That added such character to the performance. During the Chella



Lla march to Naples, Michael played the kazoo and, again, that's fun to hear. With the Passione waltz, Sheri displayed excellent chording and glissandos! Et Maintenant, the rumba to Nice encouraged Steve and Roxanne Lupi to dance. They like rumbas and tangos. On the way to Brussels Belgium, Sheri played Valse a Mille Temps waltz and displayed rapid noting. With Birth of the Blues, Michael again played the kazoo. Sheri plays with phenomenal expression and it's fun to see her nod her head to emphasize the notes. During their finale, Tango delle Rose, Steve and Roxanne danced intricately. We took a melodic trip!



COMING EVENTS

Coming Events at SVAS: April Meeting

Doors open at 1:00 pm

1:15-2:00 pm Preprogram: Individual Players2:00-2:15pm Presidents Message & Master of Ceremonies Introductions2:15-3:00pm First Half Program : Skyler Fell3:00-3:15pm Break & Drawing3:15-4:15pm Featured Player: Richard NoelMay—Picnic Frank La Ducca & SVAS PlayersJune—Tangonero BandJuly—The Left Bank Band

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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.

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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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MEETING PARTICIPANTS



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.