



SAN DIEGO BLUEGRASS SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

January 2022

President's Statement

The year 2021 has been full of challenges due to covid-19. Due to the pandemic we had to suspend most of our activities. The only regular ongoing activities have been our 3rd Monday Slow Jam hosted by Mary Jane Cupp, and our Emma's Gut Bucket Band sessions held outdoors or on Zoom. Our 2nd Tuesday sessions at Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway have been off and on due to covid. Our sessions at Duck Foot Brewery held on the 2nd Sunday have so far continued outdoors in spite of covid. Our Summergrass Festival jointly sponsored with the North San Diego County Bluegrass and Folk Club (NCBFC) held every August was canceled for 2020 due to covid but was on again and successful in 2021. Where we can our other activities are occurring online. Here's a rundown for 2021 activities:

- * Regular 2nd Tuesday jams, now at the Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway
- * Featured Band presentations once a month on 4th Tuesdays, venue TBD
- * An instructed slow jam once a month on 3rd Mondays,
- * Duck Foot Brewery jams on 2nd Sundays
- * Special concerts of top level traveling bands,
- * Bluegrass in the Libraries series presenting live bluegrass bands in libraries,
- * Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield,
- * Suite at the South State 48 in Carlsbad in November

The following activities have remained active during the covid crisis and will continue:

- * Our monthly members E-Newsletter, the Tune Up,
- * Email alerts of special online concerts and other events,
- * A website with information on all our programs www.sandiegobluegrass.org,
- * The SDBS instrument donation and lending programs,
- * A free lending library of instructional materials to members,
- * Discounts to SDBS members on certain programs and activities, including slow jam admission,
- * Meet Up announcements hosted by SDBS Board member Roger Taylor:

<https://www.meetup.com/San-Diego-Bluegrass-Music-Meetup/>

The good news is that SDBS finished the year with money in the bank. We couldn't do all this without the volunteer efforts of the 9 member board of directors and the many other volunteers who help out. Your SDBS board for 2021 has been: Jack Lohman, Pete Varhola, Mary Jane Cupp (President), Mark Pullin (Vice President), Dwight Worden, Roger Taylor, John Deckard, Nancy Wyatt (Secretary), and

Richard Burkett. I want to personally, and on behalf of the Board, thank each and every one of our many volunteers. Pending the close of voting at the end of January and based on votes so far it looks like your new Board for 2022-23 will be: Mark Pullin, Dwight Worden, Roger Taylor, John Deckard, Nancy Wyatt, Richard Burkett, and new members Dale Desmuke, Matt Bruno, and Lance Gucwa. Mary Jane Cupp, Jack Lohman, and Pete Varhola are stepping down with our grateful thanks for their service.

If you would like to get more involved, trust me, you will find it enjoyable and rewarding. We very much want your input and participation. If you have comments or ideas send them to: info@sandiegobluegrass.org.

Mary Jane Cupp, President

Membership: Our membership level is holding even at about 200.

Finances: SDBS began and ended the year in good financial shape. As of December 2021 SDBS had a total of \$ 23, 114.36 in the bank. Of that amount \$8804 is in an account representing funds raised by Emma's Gut Bucket Band. In addition, SDBS as 50% co-owner and producer of Summergrass, is the owner of ½ of Summergrass reserves. SDBS's share of these reserves totals approximately \$47,000. The Summergrass reserves are held for use in financing Summergrass' ongoing operations. SDBS and NCBFC share revenues and expenses 50-50 for Summergrass.

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ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING. Normally, we would hold our annual SDBS members meeting at our live 4th Tuesday event in December and hold our Board elections at the meeting. That was not possible this year due to covid, so we are delaying the annual meeting until we are able to start meeting again in person and are completing the Board election online.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer, send us an email at: info@sandiegobluegrass.org. We'd love to hear from you, and thanks for your support!