



SAN DIEGO BLUEGRASS SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

December 2019

President's Statement

The year 2019 has been successful and rewarding for SDBS. SDBS continues to provide:

- * Regular Tuesday jams,
- * Featured Band presentations once a month,
- * An instructed slow jam once a month,
- * Special concerts of top level traveling bands,
- * Camp outs,
- * The Summergrass Festival that SDBS co-produces,
- * Our monthly E-Newsletter, the Tune Up,
- * Email alerts of special concerts and other events,
- * A website with information on all our programs www.sandiegobluegrass.org,
- * SDBS sponsored Emma's Gut Bucket Band, going strong presenting free concerts,
- * 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,
- * Bluegrass in the Libraries series presenting live bluegrass bands in libraries,
- * Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield,
- * Meet Up opportunities.

All that and we 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 2019 has been Jack Lohman, Pete Varhola, Mary Jane Cupp (President), Mark Pullin (Vice President), Dwight Worden, Roger Taylor, John Deckard, Nancy Brunson, and Becky Green. This year we are electing a new board for the next two year term, 2020-2022. I want to personally, and on behalf of the Board, thank each and every one of our many volunteers.

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 250.

Finances: SDBS began and ended the year in good financial shape. In addition, SDBS as 50% co-producer of Summergrass, is the owner of ½ of Summergrass reserves which total approximately \$50,000. The Summergrass reserves are held for use in financing Summergrass' ongoing operations. Summergrass is co-produced every August by SDBS and the North San Diego County Bluegrass and Folk Club generating annual revenues in the \$60,000-\$70,000 range and expenses in the same range. SDBS and NCBFC share revenues and expenses 50-50.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE. Your family membership is still only \$20 per year. You can renew online with a credit card or PayPal account. Go to www.sandiegobluegrass.org and then click on "membership."

ONGOING ACTIVITIES DURING 2019

- * 2nd Tuesday events at Fuddrucker's La Mesa
 - * 3rd Monday instructed slow jam with Mary Jane Cupp and guest teachers
 - * 4th Tuesday open mic and Featured Band presentation at the Boll Weevil, Clairemont Mesa
 - * Summergrass Festival, 3rd week of August in Vista. Visit www.summergrass.net
- For times and details visit our website at: www.sandiegobluegrass.org.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL EVENTS WERE PRODUCED OR CO-PRODUCED BY SDBS IN 2017:

- * Hosted Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield January 2019
- * Bluegrass Day at the Fair, June 10, 2018
- * Summergrass Festival August 2019
- * Holiday program at the Boll Weevil, November 2019
- * Participation in the annual Toys for Tots Program

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!