



SAN DIEGO BLUEGRASS SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

December 2020

President's Statement

The year 2020 has been full of challenge due to covid-19. Due to the pandemic we had to temporarily suspend most of our activities. The only regular ongoing activities have been our 3rd Monday Slow Jam hosted by Mary Jane Cupp, our on line meet-up sessions hosted by Roger Taylor, and our Emma's Gut Bucket Band sessions on Wednesday evenings, all of which are occurring virtually online. As soon as allowed we will start up our live activities again:

- * Regular 2nd Tuesday jams,
- * Featured Band presentations once a month on 4th Tuesdays,
- * An instructed slow jam once a month on 3rd Mondays,
- * Duck Foot Brewery jams on 2nd and 4th Sundays
- * Special concerts of top level traveling bands,
- * The Summergrass Festival August 2021
- * Bluegrass in the Libraries series presenting live bluegrass bands in libraries,
- * Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield,

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 opportunities 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 2020 has been Jack Lohman, Pete Varhola, Mary Jane Cupp (President), Mark Pullin (Vice President), Dwight Worden, Roger Taylor, John Deckard, Nancy Brunson, and Richard Burkett. 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. As of December 2020 SDBS had a total of **\$21,274** in the bank. Of that amount **\$8,064** is in an account representing funds raised by Emma's Gut Bucket Band. 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. Summergrass 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic but will be back in August 2021.

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." Your membership dues are more important to us than ever!

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING. Normally, we would hold our annual SDBS members meeting at our live 4th Tuesday event in December. That's not possible this year, so we are delaying the annual meeting until we are able to start meeting again in person.

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!