



# SAN DIEGO BLUEGRASS SOCIETY 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

January 2023

### President's Statement

The year 2022 remained full of challenges for SDBS due to covid-19. Due to the pandemic some of our activities remained suspended, although we had success with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday events at Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway, with our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday jams at Duck Foot Brewing, our instructed 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday slow jam, and Emma's Gut Bucket Band.

We also welcomed new Board members in 2023: Dale Desmuke, Phil Levy, Sylvia Casteluzza, and Ramona Ault. Sylvia has had to step off the Board, but remains involved in our activities, and we have a great working group of ten Board members. My thanks to all our great board members, volunteers, and members. We couldn't do this without you!

We look forward to a great new year in 2023 as we actively solicit a new 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday venue and can bring back Featured Band night. We also are hard at work to reinstate the Bluegrass in the Library series at the Del Mar library, and hopefully in other libraries as well. A special bluegrass session is planned at Mesa College for February 2023. We are trying to make inroads into other local college music programs. Our membership rates went up (for the first time in more than a decade) from \$20 to \$25, and we are instituting a new Band Membership at \$35. We look forward to your help in making 2023 a great year!

Mark Pullin  
SDBS President

### Activities for the Year

Here is a quick rundown on your SDBS activities in 2022

- \* Regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday jams at the Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway
- \* Band Scramble at Mainstream in November 2022
- \* An instructed slow jam once a month on 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays,
- \* Duck Foot Brewing Co. jams on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays
- \* Bluegrass in the Libraries series presenting live bluegrass bands in libraries
- \* Suite at the South State 48 in Carlsbad in November

- \* Suite at the Great 48 Jam in Bakersfield in January
- \* The Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum took the place of SDBS and the North county Bluegrass and Folk Club as the sponsor for the annual Summergrass Festival, although SDBS remains involved as volunteers and sponsors of the Kids Camp
- \* Scholarship contribution to the Julian Family Fiddle Camp
- \* Emma's Gut Bucket Band, the SDBS free music outreach program, started concerts again in 2022

The following resources 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](http://www.sandiegobluegrass.org)
- \* The SDBS instrument donation program
- \* An instrument lending program
- \* 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/>

### **Finance Report**

The good news is that SDBS finished the year with money in the bank. We ended the year with a balance on hand of \$23953.58 and no debts! Of that amount, \$7979.05 is dedicated to the Emma's Gutbucket Band (GGB) fund. We couldn't do all this without the volunteer efforts of the 10 member board of directors and the many other volunteers who help out. Your SDBS board for 2022 has been: Mark Pullin (President), Dwight Worden, Roger Taylor, John Deckard, Nancy Wyatt (Secretary), Richard Burkett, Ramona Ault, Dale Desmuke, Lance Gucwa, Phil Levy, and Sylvia Casteluzza.

### **Want to Get Involved?**

If you would like to get more involved 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](mailto:info@sandiegobluegrass.org).

**Membership:** Our membership level is holding even at about 225.

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<http://sandiegobluegrass.org/join.html>

**ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING.** Normally, we would hold our annual SDBS members meeting at our live 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday event in December. That was not possible this year, so we are delaying the annual meeting until we are able to start meeting again on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 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](mailto:info@sandiegobluegrass.org). We'd love to hear from you, and thanks for your support!