



SAN DIEGO BLUEGRASS SOCIETY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

President's Statement

SDBS had a successful 2023 with our 4th Sunday jams at Duck Foot Brewing, our instructed 3rd Monday slow jam, our 2nd Monday evening at Duck Foot, Emma's Gut Bucket Band, a concert By Special Consensus, a special session at Mesa College, Bluegrass Day at the Fair on June 11, and more. We also continued our support for Summergrass, including financial support of the Kids Camp, although our ownership partnership with NCBFC of Summergrass has transferred to the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum now serving as the non-profit Summergrass sponsor. We also continued our support of the Julian Family Fiddle Camp and restarted our Bluegrass in the Libraries series with several successful concerts.

We welcomed new Board member Andrea Zelones in 2023. We have a great working group of eleven 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 2024. We look forward to your help in making 2024 a great year!

Mark Pullin
SDBS President

Activities for the Year

Here is a quick rundown on your SDBS activities in 2023

- *An instructed slow jam once a month on 3rd Mondays,
- * Duck Foot Brewing Co. Jams on 4th Sundays and 2nd Mondays
- *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
- * Bluegrass Day at the Fair June 11, 2023

The following resources have remained active 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:
- * Facebook and Instagram presence

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 \$ 24,749.97 and no debts! We couldn't do all this without the volunteer efforts of the 11 member board of directors and the many other volunteers who help out. Your SDBS board for 2023-24 is: Mark Pullin (President), Dwight Worden, Roger Taylor, John Deckard, Nancy Wyatt (Secretary), Richard Burkett, Ramona Ault, Andrea Zelones, Lance Gucwa, Phil Levy, Mary Jane Cupp.

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.

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

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE. Your family membership is \$25 per year. You can renew online with a credit card or PayPal account or by check. Go to www.sandiegobluegrass.org and then click on "join." Please help us out! Or, you can go directly to the "Join" page here: <http://sandiegobluegrass.org/join.html>.

You can also sign up for a Band Membership for only \$35 per year. Read about it on the website.

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!