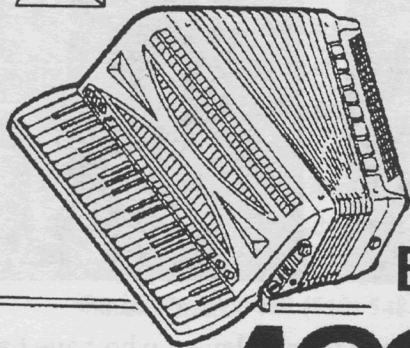


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April 2002



April meeting ...

This was our last meeting night at Patio Español. Our performers were **Kris Nelson** (Redwood Club President, first time performer at BAAC, and a great friend to our club) along with standup comedian and Cajun musician Jim Giovanni, and BAAC member **Bruce Metras**. The 2nd half of the program was none other than our own **Vince Cirelli**, who gave us a workshop on the ins and outs of playing his favorite accordion, the Petosa Reedless, as well as some history and tips on caring for our accordions.

Kris gave us a very informative talk of the history of Cajun and Zydeco music, and the differences between the two. He included demonstrations on how they are played on the one-row Cajun accordion, and the piano accordion/zydeco 3-row button box. Then Kris introduced his "ringer," Cajun/Zydeco performer and stand-up comedian Jim Giovanni, who includes joke telling with his great singing and playing talent. We had some good laughs along with some authentic Cajun music.

Bruce Metras provided a nice surprise with his accomplished playing. He has been taking correspondence lessons for about a year from Gary Dahl from Puyallup, Washington. (See Gary's ad elsewhere in this issue). Well. the lessons have

certainly paid off as Bruce showed us his smooth playing on his new Beltuna accordion. His offerings: *Solamente Una Vez*, *Come back to Sorrento*, *I left My Heart in San Francisco*, and finally *Lisa*, a ballad by Frank Marocco.

After the intermission, Vince Cirelli took the stage and gave us a fascinating history of his life in the accordion world, including recounting his building of accordions (he was first to build the accordion and keyboard as one piece) and early accordion life in San Francisco. He gave some very important tips on the handling of our accordions, probably the most important being not to lift our accordions by the top straps. The bracket at the top, to which the straps are connected, is held to the accordion only by a 3/8"

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Kris Nelson



President's Message

First, the unfortunate news: we'll be moving from Patio Espanol. They can no longer offer us the great price we were getting for the rooms. The search is on for a new permanent home. We are working on

some ideas right now. Meanwhile, our May and June meetings will take place at Moose Lodge, 7535 Mission Street on the Daly City/Colma border. Most of you are already familiar with Moose, which is also the place we hold our BAAC ensemble and Fun Band rehearsals.

In July we have our picnic (details elsewhere in this newsletter) and will not have a meeting. By August we'll know what our permanent meeting place will be.

Our ACE ensemble gave two very successful concerts in April 14 and 21. We thank those BAAC members who attended either one of them. Your support is much appreciated. We also thank our faithful BAAC member Pierre Vigneau, who gave a generous contribution to BAAC in support of ACE.

I'll be out of town for much of the second half of May, keeping appointments and making visits in Southern California, which will include the Fontana Button Box Festival, where I will surely see several BAAC members.

Be prepared for a super meeting in May: First we'll feature our own two groups, the **BAAC Fun Band** and the **BAAC Ensemble**. After intermission get ready for a real treat as we feature **Chuck Berger and Diane Hagen** from Portland.

Val



Vince Cirelli

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Bruce Metras



Jim Giovanni

screw, and Vince has seen many players who have had their prized accordions crash to the ground. He then regaled us with the wide variety of sounds produced by his Petosa reedless, showing how different accordion sounds and moods are available at the push of a switch. He played favorite oldies including his own composition for Tenor Sax that he wrote many years ago. A very nice evening to end our stay at Patio Español.

Dick Schiller



Dennis Stoscher & Admirers

Scholarship . . .

Teachers, remember our BAAC Scholarship program! Val has application forms for you and your student to fill out.

May Meeting...

It's at **Moose Lodge Daly City, 7535 Mission Street**, (next door to El Camino Inn which has a big, bright sign). In the first half, our own **BAAC Fun Band** and **BAAC Ensemble** will play, and the second half will feature--of course!--**Chuck Berger and Diane Hagen!**

Word Has It ...

...that Tony Galla-Rini took a fall in late March and injured his hip. He had to have surgery and will be undergoing six weeks of therapy. To send him a cheery message, you can get it to him through his home address: Maestro Anthony Galla-Rini, 500 East Valley Parkway, #203, Escondido, CA 92025-3006. This is the safest address as he may be moving around in the coming weeks and months. Get well fast, Tony!

... that Josephine Hornbrook's husband Ralph is ill and has been in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

... that BAAC member and wonderful accordionist/singer of *Sagebrush Swing* took a fall on some concrete and got herself bruised and banged up but is recovering nicely and getting some well-deserved rest.

**BAAC meets the first
Wednesday of the month at
7:00 p.m.
Call Val for details
(510) 531-4836**

Galla-Rini Camp

It's definitely on, July 21-26. Val has the info and the forms. Get your reservation in as soon as possible. It's shaping up to be the best camp ever!

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BAAC Membership ...

**Dues are \$25 per year, \$30 for a family
Send check to BAAC
P.O. Box 318175
San Francisco, CA 94131-8175**

Welcome new members ...

A big welcome to Rosemary Armanino, whose late husband George Armanino we miss greatly; and welcome back to Lily P. Angelo Purlantov.

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**May 10th 8PM Moose Lodge
7535 Mission Street Daly City/Colma
Admission/Donation \$10 at the door**

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Midi Accordionist, **Chuck Berger** is back in the Pacific Northwest again, performing his magic on the Midi Accordion. At our celebration this year, Chuck will team up with the very talented **Diane Hagen** to perform a concert which will include duets of Swiss Laendlers & Polkas, (The tough stuff), plus Classical, and Big Band songs.

Chuck is known world-wide for his expertise on the MIDI accordion, and is called upon to do programming all over the world. His sounds are such that you will swear there's a 20 piece band on stage.

Diane Hagen has been an award winning artist since the age of 5, on through high school. After being away from the accordion for 23 years, she has teamed with **Chuck**, doing duets, Diane is now playing many engagements in the Portland area. An example of things they do together are midi with acoustical accordion including Pietro Deiro

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

A very special treat!

It is our pleasure

to welcome

Chuck Berger and

Diane Hagen

Coming from Portland

to delight us all!

pieces. Audiences make the comment, "They play like they are joined at the hip!" We know you will thoroughly enjoy their talent together on stage. **Don't miss this musical event on Wednesday evening May 1st, 2002**

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Coming Events

May 24-26

Far West Button Box Jamboree
Fontana, CA (east of L.A.)

For info call Val (510) 531-4836, e-mail vtkacc@value.net

June 5

Tony Lovello comes to BAAC! Watch for further info

June 18-22

Ninth Annual Leavenworth International Accordion
Celebration

Leavenworth, Washington "The Bavarian Village"
Call (509) 548-5807 or call Val (510) 531-4836
and ask for flyer

June 23-26

Las Vegas International Accordion Convention
Plaza hotel, Las Vegas, NV

For info e-mail lasvegas@accordioninfo.com
www.accordioninfo.com, or call (801) 486-1695

June 23-27

Rose City Accordion Club Accordion Camp
at Silver Falls, Oregon

Call (503) 452-4517 or call Val (510) 531-4836
and ask for flyer

Saturday, July 6

BAAC Annual Picnic

From 10:00 a.m. on, Nature Friends Park, Oakland

July 10-14

American Accordionists' Association

Charles Magnante Tribute Festival
Holiday Inn Minneapolis West

Call (201) 991-2233 or FAX (201) 991-1944

July 8-14

Kimberley International Old Time Accordion Championships

Phone/FAX 1888-4 KIOTAC

July 13-20

Joe Smiell's beginning button box camp
Heidelmann Lodge at Norden/Soda Springs

For info call Joe Smiell (510) 832-6938

July 21-26

Galla-Rini Accordion Music Camp, San Diego, CA

For info call Val (510) 531-4836; vtkacc@value.net

August 24 and 25

Cotati Accordion Festival

For info call (707) 664-8444

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Regarding Tony Lovello ...

Coming to BAAC in June! We all know that Tony was a member of The Three Suns, has appeared all over the world with many of entertainment's greats, is often called the "Liberace of the Accordion" because of his showmanship and humor, and "razzle-dazzle" used as a verb is always associated with his name. He is a crowd-pleaser of the highest order. What many people don't focus on, however, is Tony's ability also to play very softly and with subtlety and great emotion.

Tony has a new repertoire now that is something to really look forward to. He is using the Petosa AM1100 acoustic and MIDI accordions and the Petosa Millennium Reedless (remember Vince's demo at the April meeting?).

Tony's stamina is boundless. No one can figure out where he gets his seemingly inexhaustible energy.

Tony has two brand new CD's out, for a total of 4. The first three are *Tony Lovello Then & Now*, Vols. 1 and 2, and *Play It Again, Tony*. The latest is

Tony Lovello and His Millennium Orchestra, containing songs like *New York, New York*, *Tico Tico*, *Green Eyes*, *Love Story*, some Italian favorites, a polka medley and some Cole Porter tunes that show off the bellow shakes, and much, much more, played on the new Petosa Millennium accordion.

Tony's CD's are available at \$15 each, or all 4 for \$40, plus shipping and handling if you order them.

For details visit Tony's web page at www.accordionmusic.com, e-mail Tony at Tlovello@msn.com or call toll free 1-866-752-9488.

Or, best of all, **come to the BAAC meeting June 5!**



Membership List Available ...

... for \$1 each. Call Val (510) 531-4836. Please respect that it is not to be used for commercial purposes. Thank you.

The BAAC Executive Board ...

... met on Tuesday, April 2. Our bank accounts totaled \$7,935.72 as of that date. Entrance to the June meeting featuring Tony Lovello will be \$5 across the board (instead of \$3, \$5 for guests), and the difference will be paid to Tony to help with his expenses. Frances and Dominic Benedetto came to the meeting to talk about the picnic (see elsewhere in this newsletter). BAAC will have minimal formal participation at the Cotati festival this year.

About the BAAC Picnic July 6 ...

... is shaping up nicely. Frances and Dominic Benedetto will be in charge of everything except the entertainment. We will have barbecued chicken with all the trimmings. The Benedettos respectfully request that we avoid will-calls, even if paid in advance. They are trying to make the whole process as simple as possible so we can concentrate on *having fun* at the picnic!

Bob Berta will be in charge of entertainment. We already have some great players lined up. If you or your group would like to play a segment, please call Bob Berta (510) 450-5766 or e-mail him at RKB4@pge.com. Groups and dance music players are encouraged, and single players will have an opportunity to perform as well.

Come and join in . . .

Bay Area Accordion Club

Meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month
Permanent location determination in progress
For current information call (510) 531-4836
Website: www.baaccordionclub.org

East Bay Accordion Circle

Meets the second Thursday of the month
1517 – 5th St., Berkeley. Bring your accordion!
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Meets 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month
Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western, Petaluma
For information call Harry (707) 838-2859

Golden State Accordion Club

Meets 7 PM the second Tuesday of the month
At Pietro's #2, 679 Merchant St. in Vacaville
For information call (707) 864-2359

Good Time Accordion Club

Meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month
Community Center, 1055 Escalon Avenue, Escalon
For information call (209) 545-3603

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Meets 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month
Seventh Day Adventist Church
5265 Carter Ave., near Camden & Kooser

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Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Moose Lodge, 7535 Mission St., Colma/Daly City
For information call Frank (650) 574-4757

BAAC "Fun Band" Practice

Third Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.
Moose Lodge, 7535 Mission St., Colma/Daly City
For information call Frank (510) 339-1163

About our meeting place . . .

Our stay at Patio Espanol was really wonderful. We enjoyed an excellent rental price and good food and drink. Alas, however, all good things must come to an end. Raul was obliged to double the rental price, so we can no longer afford it, and it is time to move on.

We are working on a few different venues that might be promising. For the time being, however, we have "locked in" the **Moose Club, 7535 Mission Street in Daly City for the first Wednesday of May and June.** In July we have our picnic and therefore no meeting. Moose has been and continues to be very obliging, friendly and reasonably priced. On Wednesdays they have their "hamburger night" for their members, so parking is a little bit limited (though still ample).

Directions to Moose: There are many different ways of getting there, depending on where you are coming from. It is on Mission Street in Daly City, right next to the El Camino Inn motel, on the east side of the street. Consult a map if you're unsure. It's not difficult but is a bit difficult to describe!

As in all matters, we welcome your input.
Val

Where our members are playing . . .

Please let us know so we can publish the information!

Reno di Bono and the Blue Moon Trio play for dancing on the second Friday of each month at Montaville in Scotts Valley, CA, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Call Reno (408) 252-3808 for info

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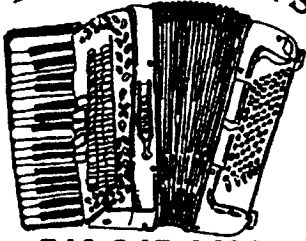
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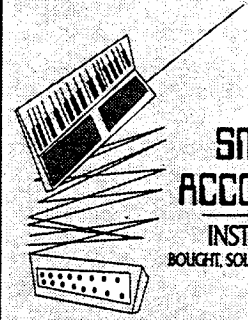
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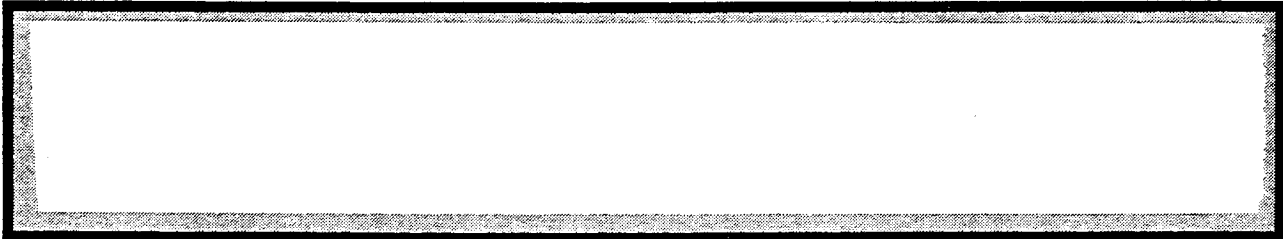
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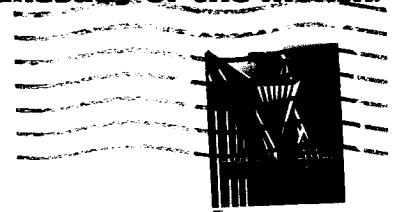
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