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# THE BAY AREA PAGE

Bay Area Accordion Club

## July Meeting

1991

Looking around the room, it was easy to spot some of our regulars: **Leon Broussal, Joe Giannini, Yurie Uspensky, Hans Frei, Evelyn Baulch, John Fiori.** We did miss our wonderful Swede, **Clyde Forsman**, who has pneumonia and is recuperating at home.

*Opening the meeting.* Our Conductor, **Lou Soper**, led the Pledge of Allegiance to . He then cited three members for their exceptional contributions to BAAC: **Walter Traverso** for his untiring efforts in organizing and carrying out our picnic, for bringing to us countless new members, and for his ongoing, caring attention to every need of our group; **Peter DiBono** for his efforts in organizing and promoting the Art Van Damme concert, for his graceful handling of the June meeting and election; **Marian Kelly** for her enthusiastic and able assistance with whatever the Club needed, be it newsletters, mailing lists, financial matters, or hosting Maestro Gallarini.

**Marian Kelly** then gave us a financial report. We have as of this date \$1638 in the bank, which is approximately the total profits from the Van Damme concert and the picnic, \$900 in the former case, \$727 in the latter. Recent T-shirt costs of \$835 have almost been recovered because of heavy shirt sales at the picnic. Since membership renewals are due and

payable immediately, the bank balance should see a sudden increase which we may use to purchase additional t-shirts at Cotati.

**Lou** read the tentative schedule for the Cotati Festival Aug 24th and 25th. Nationwide radio and TV publicity is planned for which a large group of us was being asked to join a rendition of "Lady of Spain". That announcement stirred some controversy, which was resolved when "California, Here I Come" was suggested and accepted. **We will rehearse the song at the next meeting; so bring your accordion...**

*Music time...* **Domenic Saso** then introduced our favorite troubadour, **Dan Cooper**, whose mellow approach was perfect for two numbers from the thirties, "Got a Date With An Angel" and Rudy Vallee's "I'm Just a Vagabond Lover". Thank you, Dan for your stylish nostalgic music.

**Val Ballerini**, our sophisticate, changed the mood quickly and thoroughly with his highly amusing renditions of "Oh, Marie", "Eh Cumpari", and "The Butcher Boy".

Next came **Rene Sevieri**. Who?? A mighty fine accordionist, is he, and we're all delighted that he found us and shared his wonderful talent. He played "Speranze Dutto" and "España Cani" in a light and highly competent style, then played and sang a soft, swing version of "Gypsy".

*After the break* came a few more announcements. **Barbara Hartley** told of a reference book she has compiled containing 5000 songs. (Walter is


handling requests for hard-to-find music.) **Aljis Ratnikas** suggested members contact **Domenic Saso** in advance with requests for performance of particular songs. Also, the members present voted to donate \$50 to a needy family from which 7 members died recently in an accident. One of them belonged to the FOTA Club.

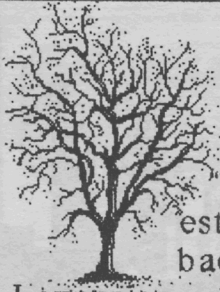
**Walter** described the San Mateo Festa Italiana, to be held on Sunday July 28th, from 12 to 5pm, at which BAAC will have a booth. Walter needs volunteers to stroll at the festa. Please call Walter for details (415-585-0144)...

**Dan Cooper** told us of "Bread & Roses", an organization which sends volunteer musicians to play in hospitals, convalescent homes, even prisons. Dan describes the experience as a highly rewarding one partly because he finds a very positive response to the accordion from his audiences. Anyone interested in helping, please call **Dan** (415-924-0850).

*The end.* **Michelle Gallandre** took the stage and closed the evening with "Under the Bridges of Paris", "Reve D'Accordeoniste", and "La Cumparsita". What a great player! It's always a thrill to hear you, **Michelle...**

**After the meeting...** some fine accordion playing took place. Also, the *gang* got together at our usual chit-chat spot, **Lyon's** in Westlake. The invitation is opened to all. Come join us at the next meeting...

Rae Lembi 



## PROFILE OF MARIAN KELLY

"The Accordion Club has reawakened my interest in playing," Marian Kelly, told me. "It brings back a source of great pleasure and satisfaction I experienced as a teenager, she continued. "I've been only a closet accordionist since I came to California, but this club has motivated me to practice again, and I'm having a wonderful time."

How many of us have had thoughts similar to those expressed by Marian? And who has demonstrated this renewed interest better than Marian as she played for us on two occasions. Her rendition of Ferde Grofe's "On the Trail" from Grand Canyon Suite was outstanding, you may recall, as were special arrangements of "Tea For Two", "Return to Sorrento" and "Getting Sentimental Over You".

Marian, who by the way is our club's newly elected Treasurer, started playing accordion in her native Northampton, Mass. at the age of twelve. Her teacher, Betty Mango, was only seventeen herself. After taking lessons for three years, Marian started her own teaching career with nine or ten students. She taught music through high school and college on a part time basis, and she performed variously both with groups and as a soloist in around Mass. and Conn, earning enough to help considerable with tuition. After graduation, she worked first in food research with the U.S.D.A. near Berkeley, subsequently went into accounting and bookkeeping, then into her own business. For a time she owned a successful T-shirt shop and, until recently, had her own travel agency.

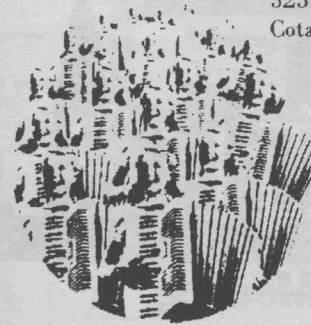
In addition to these accomplishments, she is also a proud mother of four, three still in school. Since they live away from the Bay Area, they provide a built-in travel opportunity for her.

Last month Anthony Galla-Rini stayed at Marian's Portola Valley home while he was our guest of honor at the Fathers' Day picnic. In one of her conversations with her guest, she asked if he happened to know a Betty Mango, who had moved to San Diego after her marriage years ago. He did know Betty both by her maiden and married name, had her phone number, and gave Marian's number to Betty when he returned to San Diego. Shortly after, Marian paid her former teacher a surprise visit. Separated by many thousands of miles and many years, the two resumed a friendship that started when a twelve year old girl started taking accordion lessons from a seventeen year old girl back in Northampton.

*♪ Frank Montoro*

## COTATI ACCORDION FESTIVAL

325 East Cotati Avenue,  
Cotati, California 94931  
(707) 664-1302



July 5, 1991

Dear BAAC Members,

The City of Cotati in conjunction with the Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County and the Cotati Chamber of commerce are proud to announce the **First Annual Cotati Accordion Festival, August 24 and 25**, located in the beautiful California Wine Country, **Admission is FREE!**

Guest artists will include **Art Van Damme, Anthony Galla-Rini, Leo Aquino, Louis Fanucchi & many of our own BAAC members!** Mr. Galla-Rini will be hosting work shops at a nominal fee for those wishing to learn from the master.

We are confident that this festival will be a rewarding and enriching experience for all accordion enthusiasts. The theme is Family Entertainment with a variety of ethnic and musical styles!

For those needing lodging both Good Nite and Red Lion Inns (in Rohnert Park - only minutes away) are offering special rates to festival attendees. Good Nite Inn has single rooms at \$27.95, doubles at \$33.95 and Red Lion Resort Inn has a special of \$79.00 per nite. To qualify simply mention the Cotati Accordion Festival when making reservations. You may contact Good Nite Inn at (707) 584-8180 and Red Lion Inn at (707) 584-5466.

If you have further questions please write or call. We thank you for your time and cooperation and extend a warm welcome to all accordion enthusiasts.

Best Regards,

*Paul Pasquali*  
Publicity Committee



# ACCORDION FESTIVAL, COTATI

## Schedule of Events (tentative)

### Saturday, August 24th

Time	Main Stage	Side Stage
11AM	Ruminators	Kevin Roach
12 noon	California Cajun Billy Wilson	Solut Matelat Big Lou
1PM	Reno Di Bono	Open
2PM	Open	Peter Di Bono
3PM*	Sanoma Swing Hogs Jim Boggio	Open
4PM	Anatoly Makhlin sponsored by Colombo	Open
5PM	Lou Fanucchi	
6PM	The Art Van Damme Quintet	

### Sunday, August 25th

11AM	Steve Babich Polka Band	Lou Jacklich
12 noon	Cajun Ground Hogs	Stas
1PM	Joseph Brinkman Eastern European	Lou Soper
2PM*	Romanoff Salon Joe Smiel Orchestra	Joe Smiel
3PM	Gypsy Jazzers Joe Smiel	Open
4PM	Anthony Galla-Rini	Marian Kelly Gina
5PM	Open	Open
6PM	Leo Aquino	

### OTHER SIMULTANEOUS EVENTS

Noon to 2PM	Galla-Rini Workshop at Veterans Bldg	Sat & Sun
1:30 to 5PM	Polka Dance at Cabaret	Sat only
1:30 to 5PM	Cajun Dance at Cabaret	Sun only
2 to 5PM	Movies at Vets Building	Sat & Sun
Noon to 6PM	Open at Mike at Markeys Restaurant	Sat & Sun
9PM to 1AM	Trade Winds Bar, Jim Boggio	Sat only
7PM to 10PM	Tribute to all festival players at Cabaret	Sun only

No fee will be charged for entrance to the festival. Fees of \$5.00 (approx) will be charged for dances at the Cabaret and for the Vets Bldg movies. Ten dollars will be charged for entry to the Sunday evening celebration.

We have reserved some motel rooms in Cotati. Please contact Lou Soper.

## CONDUCTOR'S COLUMN

I would like to thank all of you wonderful members for the heartfelt support you gave me during my tragic hours of mourning after I lost my sweetheart, Mary Casey. She was very proud of this club. Thank God for the Bay Area Accordion Club.

May I also thank you for re-electing me as your President. I will do my very best to represent all of you in a dignified manner.



*Lou Soper*



## ANNOUNCING FESTA ITALIA

a community fair in  
San Mateo

downtown on North B St.  
Sunday, July 28th from 12  
noon to 5 P.M

for the benefit of

**San Mateo County Special Olympics**

**BAAC has rented a booth at  
which we plan  
to promote our club,  
sell pins**

**and to (what else?)**

**PLAY OUR ACCORDIONS!  
Please call Walter if you can  
participate.  
415-585-0144**

## "DID YOU KNOW?"

(From Roy Black)

Jimmy Stewart, the great movie actor of 80-films, now 83, probably got his *big break* when he was at Princeton, where his ability to play the accordion won him a part in a musical production and his first postgraduate acting job.

## ACCORDION CLUBS

### ARE BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER

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% Alice Hall

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Dallas, TX 75228

**Accordion Society**  
% Ken Olendorf

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### VIDEO

*Ed Zaro*

### Entertainment

*Joe Smiell & Domenic Saso*

*Rusty Bartoli*

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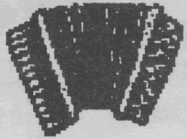
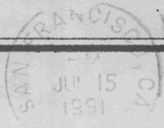
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