



Club Logo designed by Lori Andrews and Jerry Meloche. The drawing depicts multi-generations encircled in the timeless magic of music.

"I have a vision, of a nation in which people gather with guitar, banjo, fiddle and other instruments, where parents play music with children, husbands with wives, and friends with friends."

Instant Blues Harmonica, by David Harp

August, 2023

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**Next Month's
First Tuesday Music Night
September 5th, 2023**

San Diego North County Bluegrass & Folk Club Broadcast

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August 1 - Virtual Strangers



What a thrill for the Virtual Strangers to be back on the North County Bluegrass & Folk Club stage August 1st! Back again, they are up to their old antics as the "Strangers" impart their own brand of bluegrass for their fans. Catch and come up anytime for a "shake & howdy" when you see them. Welcome Mike Tatar on banjo, Jim Blakemore on guitar, Dan Sankey on mandolin and fiddle, Kit Birkett on guitar, and Vonnie Tatar on bass. The Virtual Strangers love our NCBGFC fans!

This regular First Tuesday no-charge event takes place at Round Table Pizza, corner of Washington & Ash in Escondido. Everyone is welcome! It begins at 7PM with an opening band. The featured band takes the stage around 8 PM. Please remember - we want everyone to enjoy a social evening together, but please be polite to the entertainers & others.



2023

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Summergrass Only Two Weeks Away!

By Glen Bailey

The highlight of the Summer, and probably the year, for local Bluegrass musicians is the Summergrass Bluegrass Festival. For the past 20 years the Antique Tractor and Stream Engine Museum in Vista has hosted this nationally known and respected event.

Although the event officially starts on Friday, August 18th, at 3:00 PM, the action gets underway on Wednesday the 16th when “The Compound” opens around noon. “The Compound” is an area of the main campground that provides a place for attendees to rest in the shade, have a cool beverage, participate in ukulele workshops, and listen to almost non-stop jamming.

NCBFC and SDBS cosponsor “The Compound” and they encourage all members to take advantage of the amenities provided. A schedule of events for the compound is provided in the newsletter so you can make plans accordingly. Please feel free to come join in the fun!



A typical Compound erection crew. From left to right: Dave Woelke, Gary Koslow, Archie Breeden, John Carley, Eric Gripp, Dave Shaw and Bill and Gerri Frisbie.



Thursday Night Pickers Compound all set up.



Discover Southwest Bluegrass Upcoming Events [\(HERE\)](#)

Compound Schedule for 2023 Summergrass

Wednesday, August 16th.

- Compound opens around noonish.
- Ukulele workshop 1:30-3:30 ish
- Jamming and visiting (all welcome) 5:30—?
- 3rd Wednesday Jam hosted by NCBFC
- (Grilled hot dog dinner and beverage provided at some point)

Thursday, August 17th.

- Coffee and such
- Ukulele workshop 10-11:30
- Lunch
- Major Event-*Thursday Nite Pickers 39th Birthday Bash!* All Welcome!
 - ✓ Pizza and salad with beverage! Very Yummy Costco Birthday cake!
 - ✓ Raffle-Grand prize is a 3-day Summergrass pass!
 - ✓ Classic Commemorative Beverage Mug!!!!!!!
 - ✓ TNP's Umpteenth Performance of "Truck Drivin' Man"
- Jamming till whenever

Friday, August 18th.

- Coffee and such Ukulele workshop 10-11:30
- Pie Society Tasting at HIGH NOON! **(After-which you must have Summergrass wrist band)**
- Jamming and visiting
- Potluck TBD onsite
- Jamming and visiting until no one is left!

Saturday, August 20th.

- Coffee and such
- Ukulele workshop 10-11:30
- Jamming and visiting from 2:00 pm till no one is left!

Sunday, August 21st

- Today is a good day to thank GOD!!

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June First Tuesday Show – A Bucket O' Fun!

Photos by David K. Cupp

Ed. Note: You may have noticed that last month's edition included multiple articles intended to honor recently departed friends, and to advise you on a few past events. And, as July's First Tuesday immediately followed a three-day weekend, no show was held. We now offer a review of June's First Tuesday event, featuring Honey Buckets.



A near-record audience was on hand to greet the Honey Buckets when they performed for NCBFC on May's First Tuesday. The Buckets hail from Rancho Cucamonga and were raised on "heavy metal and smog." This high energy troupe brought us great traditional as well as original Bluegrass songs. Because of the group's popularity, seating was on a reserved basis, which turned out to be a good idea. Round Table was packed and there was an abundance of cheering, yahooing and applauding after each tune. What a treat! Mike Stern plays the banjo, Devin Nived was picking mandolin, Brian Dragoman played bass, and Forest Thurman was blasting away on guitar. Look for their campsite when you attend Summergrass August 18 through 20th.

Bluegrass Day at the Del Mar Fair

Photos by David Cupp



On Sunday afternoon, June 11, the scene at the Paddock Stage at Del Mar Fair was electric! A nice crowd of perhaps as many as 150 people had gathered to listen to Bluegrass music and see randomly formed bands compete to entertain them.

Randomly formed?

Yes. Musicians with instruments in hand show up at the NCBFC and SDBS tents to register for competitions in singing and playing. There are buckets for each different instrument, from banjos to spoons, including voice. From those buckets, bands are chosen, one instrument at a time, over and over again until everybody's had a turn.



The judging panel knows what they're doing. They are all long-time members of NCBFC and SDBS with much experience in listening for just the right sound and watching for cooperation between band members. The bands only have 10-15 minutes to meet, discuss, decide on three tunes, practice, name their group, and hit the stage to perform. Gee, no pressure! But that's where the fun is, according to John Harris, who played in several bands this year. Just in case you're thinking about next year, volunteers get in free!



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Where's My Bluegrass?

Monthly Events

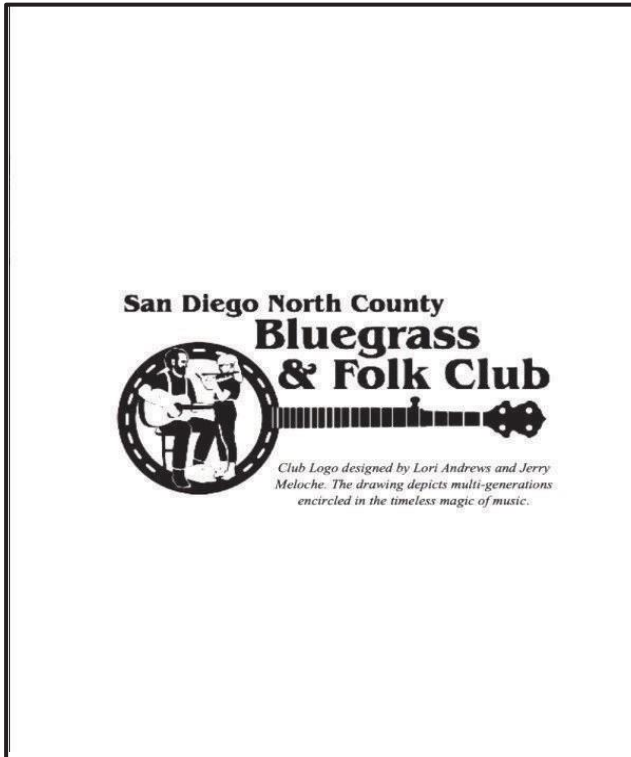
- 1st Tuesday 7 to 9PM - **NCBFC Monthly Concert** (free to public)
Round Table Pizza, 1161 E. Washington Ave, Corner Ash and Washington Streets, Escondido, CA. Jamming on front patio, all welcome!
- 2nd Monday 6:30 to 8:30 PM **SDBS** San Diego, CA 92106 (**NEW!**)
Duck Foot Brewery, 8920 Kenamar Dr., San Diego, CA
- 2nd Tuesday 7 to 9 PM - **SDBS Jam Pickup Bands & Jam**
Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St, San Diego, CA
- 2nd Saturday 1:30 – 4:30PM – **San Diego Folk Song Society**
Song Circle, Serra Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
- 3rd Monday 6 to 8:30 PM - **SDBS Bluegrass Slow Jam**
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 4011 Ohio St, San Diego, CA,
For more information, contact Mike Cupp: mjcupp@yahoo.com
- 3rd Wednesday 5:30 to 8:30 PM - **NCBFC Jam & Open Mic**
Round Table Pizza, 1161 E. Washington Ave, Corner Ash & Washington Streets, Escondido, CA
- 4th Sunday 1 to 3 PM - **SDBS Pickup Bands & Jam**
Duck Foot Brewery, 8920 Kenamar Dr., San Diego, CA
- 4th Monday 6:30 to 9 PM **SDBS Pickup Bands & Jam**
Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St., San Diego, CA, parking and food service.

- ***Weekly Events***

- Wednesdays 6 to 9 PM– **San Diego Mandolin Orchestra**
San Diego Mesa College Continuing Education (beginner to advanced)
For more information contact Jim Trepasso: jamestrepasso@yahoo.com
- Thursdays 6 to 8:30 PM - **Thursday Night Pickers**
Round Table Pizza, 1321 Encinitas Blvd, Corner of El Camino Real and Encinitas Blvd, Encinitas, CA

Every month we add a new song to the NCBFC song book. All songs include ukulele chords and diagrams. This month's new song is highlighted in the Index.

[**Click to download this month's UPDATED Book**](#)



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Member Bands and Musicians

For a full description of the listed bands along with contact information, visit our website at: northcountybluegrass.org/bandlist. Be sure to check YouTube for any videos of the band.

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www.thebrombies.com

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Genre: Traditional Bluegrass

Cowboy Jack & North County Cowboys

Jack Johnson, 760 521-5007, www.hankshow.cox.net

Genre: Vintage country, western, some Bluegrass, tributes to Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, and Merle Haggard.

Full Deck

John Deckard, jdeckard1959@gmail.com

Gone Tomorrow Bluegrass

www.gonetomorrowbluegrass.com

Richard Burkett, 619 518-3019, richard.burkett@sbcglobal.net

Genre: Hard-driving bluegrass music, wide variety of Texas swing, old-time, and early country music

Honey Buckets

www.honeybuckets.band,

Devin Wilcox, 906 666-4849 info@honeybuckets.com

MojaviSoul

www.mohavisoul.com/,

Randy Hanson, 619-379-3288, rthanson@cox.net

Genre: new and original Contemporary Bluegrass, Folk, and Americana.

Philly and the Cheesesteaks,

Phil Levy, 619 743-1442, drlevy@pacbel.net,

Genre: Bluegrass band, banjo, guitar, mandolin, and bass.

Prairie Sky

www.prairieskyband.com, Dwight Worden, 858 481-2609, dworden@roadrunner.com

Shoreline Pickers

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Sunny Side Strings,

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Candace Regal, 760-550-1301, candaceregal@gmail.com,

Genre: a unique blend of Bluegrass, Old Time, Country, Swing, and Americana.

Vulcan Mt Boys

Vulcanmtboys.com, @vulcanmtboys,

Jim Henderson, 442 245-2489, vulcanmtboys@gmail.com

Genre: High energy Monroe-style Bluegrass "With the bark left on"



THE SAN DIEGO MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA WANTS YOU!

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If you have played in an orchestra in the past, consider joining our local Mandolin Orchestra (also FREE class registration with the San Diego Continuing Education Music Department when classes start up again). Our 35-piece San Diego Mandolin Orchestra is looking for new members. We have people of all abilities playing mandolins, mandolas, octave mandolins, mandocellos, mandobass, string bass, bass zither, and guitars are needed too. We are set up like a string orchestra, using string orchestra and mandolin orchestra arrangements, so it is necessary to be able to read notes or be willing to learn to read. If you play any of these instruments, or their equivalents, or want further information on how to join our orchestra and receive music, **contact Jim**

Trepasso jamestrepasso@yahoo.com

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