

Newsletter of the
Silicon Valley Accordion Society

July 2023

SVAS Next Meeting: Sunday August 6th
At Christ Episcopal Church
1040 Border Road, Los Altos
Program begins at 1:30PM
Doors open 1:00PM

Featured Performer
Lou Jacklich



LOU JACKLICH has been a professional accordionist for 75+ years. Since the age of 17, Lou Jacklich has taught for the Meni-Ketti studio and toured vaudeville. In the 50s he founded the "Lou Jacklich School of Music" with 450+ students and 9 teachers. In the late 50's, Lou was a pioneer on the electronic accordion and was in high demand with his virtuoso artistic arrangements.

At 95 years of age, Lou currently teaches both in person and via Zoom and is an active member of several local accordion clubs. He performs his own jazz arrangements to the delight of audiences. Lou has received local and international acclaim including Cotati Accordion Festival Honorary Director in 2016.

Later this month, The San Francisco Accordion Club will be presenting a student Scholarship to Cotati in Mr. Lou Jacklich's honor! (See flyer on pg5)

Hello Accordion Friends -

Well, I thoroughly enjoyed our meeting last Sunday! I hope you all did too! Folks, we had a whopping 38 people eating, playing, singing and dancing, (well, maybe not dancing). I hope we all keep coming to the club to experience beautiful music that soothes our soul! There is no better medicine.

We certainly had a nice spread with plenty to eat and drink. I especially loved having the round tables set up so we could all eat and enjoy the entertainment at the same time. The SVAS Board wanted to have a little lunch as a token of our appreciation for you all, and so we thank you very much for sharing your accordion love.

We also had 14 accordions and one violin up front and center as the jam band played celebrating 4th of July with some patriotic music. It was impressive that we were all able to play mostly together, considering we have not played in a jam band since preCOVID. We should have a jam band again very soon, and I think we should get the music ahead of time to practice so we will sound fantastic. It makes a difference. And, of course, thank you to all who volunteered. You all sound wonderful and bring so much to our club!

I hope you all are enjoying the nice warm weather. It was only a couple of months ago when we were all so soggy with all the rain... and now it is all just a vague memory. While we have the nice weather, take your accordion outside and practice on the patio... It is good to get accustomed to a different environment plus it is a nice change of scenery.

Wishing you all good health and hope to see you next month with our featured performer, Lou Jacklich.

Thank you,
Colette Ogata, President

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Gloria and Rosemary
SVAS Greeters

It was quite a party on Sunday, July 9, for our Fourth of July themed meeting. I arrived at 1:30 to find the room set up with round tables and a central long buffet table loaded with delicious lunch items, provided by Silicon Valley Accordion Society Board.

During the course of the meeting, we enjoyed the performances of eight individual players and a volunteer jam band. We didn't take a formal break, but seven attendees took home raffle prizes, and we enjoyed the music until 4:20 pm. The write-ups for each performer will necessarily be quite brief this month!



Reno DiBono entertained us while we all filled our plates and sat down to enjoy his renditions of six Italian songs, followed by an Argentine tango. Reno sang along to a few of the songs, and we always enjoy his performances.



Next, we heard from Rudy Pivk, who started by playing two Italian songs, and followed them with a lovely waltz and a fun version of "Hernando's Hideaway." Rudy showed us lovely technique and interesting rhythms during his performance.

The volunteer Jam Band was next. We had received copies of the music in advance, so presumably that helped the 14 participants (13 accordions and a violin) play more competently. The songs performed included a number of patriotic tunes and the audience of about 20 people was quite appreciative. As one of the participants, I can say that I enjoyed playing with this group.





Our next entertainer was Ed Massolo. His selections included a waltz medley of “Fascination,” “Around the World in 80 Days,” and “Melody of Love.” He followed these with a polka and another lively number, all very enjoyable.

Bill Likens performed four energetic songs, standing to perform and singing along during much of the performance. His rendition of “Old Time Rock and Roll” was enthusiastic and fun.



Bob Stanfield played a medley of military theme songs (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard). He followed the medley by playing and singing a song about a blind soldier, “Doesn’t Anybody Know My Name.”

Don Savant is a frequent performer at our meetings, and today he played three numbers, demonstrating a nice style throughout his performance of “Girl from Ipanema,” “Misty,” and “Scotch and Soda.”



Paul Aebersold demonstrated his very nice style as he played three numbers for us, starting with “I Left My Heart in San Francisco.” He followed this with two French songs, one of which had “Mack the Knife” as the beginning and ending sections!

Mike Zampecini completed the program for the day. He performed on his 72-bass, 17-pound accordion, and made it sound like a concert instrument! He started by playing “Stars and Stripes Forever” with fingers flying so fast over the keys that you couldn’t actually see them. He followed this with a couple of other prepared songs and then took requests, playing eleven numbers all together. He has masterful technique and knows how to improvise and embellish the songs he is playing. He also has a strong singing voice, which accompanied many songs. A very enjoyable conclusion to our afternoon.



Raffle Winners



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Featuring Mike Zampiceni - Paul Betken - Lou Jacklich performing with Colette Ogata



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