

VERDI CLUB

Newsletter | July 2022



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Verdi Club Events

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Cottontails](#)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Benvenuti a tutti!

We remain cautiously optimistic that we will continue transitioning out of this pandemic, and into our "normal" pre-pandemic lives. The Verdi Club has hosted six very successful dinner dances this year, and our calendar is filling up with comedy, dance, weddings, and other special events. But "normal" post-pandemic, is more of a brave, new, "normal" for The Verdi Club. Our Board and our officers have not changed substantially over the past four years, and although I cannot congratulate our Board and our officers enough for all of their accomplishments, it's time for us to hear some new voices, yours perhaps, on our Board, or serving as an officer of The Verdi Club.



Our current efforts to bring Verdi's event advertising and publicity into the twenty-first century inform us that we have a continuing need for fresh ideas on increasing membership and for community outreach. Ours is a special light in the heart of San Francisco – we need your help to make that light a beacon.

Thus, we will have elections this Fall. Next month I will list a description of the various service opportunities here at The Verdi Club, and we will set a date for the elections. Please consider adding your voice to the leadership of The Verdi Club.

Independence Day

I am reminded of the legend that John Hancock's famously elaborate and flowing signature on the Declaration of Independence had great political significance, because signing that document could be a literal death sentence for the signatory. Hancock, the legend goes, wanted to make it clear that he proudly signed that document. True or not, it is a lovely, truly American sentiment.

Get your tickets for the July Dinner Dance, and for all of The Verdi Club's public events, at <https://www.verdiclub.net/event-space/> and just click on the event you want to attend.

Cordali Saluti, Samuel Bellicini



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DINNER DANCE CALENDAR

Upcoming Dinner Dances

Date	Band	Style	Menu
July 16, 2022	The Cottontails	Swing	Baby Back Ribs Macaroni Gratin w/ Creme Fraiche
August 13, 2022	Alpha Rhythm Kings	Swing	Baked Ziti w/ Italian Sausage Vegetarian Baked Ziti
September 10, 2022	Halsey and the Highhats	Roaring 20's	Grilled Flank Steak w/ Chimichuri Sauce Tortellini w/ Fennel and Mushrooms

*Please note that the July Dinner Dance will be held on the 3rd Saturday.

SUMMER OF SWING AND MORE!

July 16 - [The Cottontails](#)



THE COTTONTAILS are one of San Francisco's most exciting musical groups, playing a wide range of styles ranging from 20's/30's Gatsby-era jazz, classic 40's swing, and vintage 50's/60's R&B. The band's versatility allows it to accommodate many settings, from quiet acoustic duo to jazz quintet, to full dance band with horns and guitar. Able to custom tailor our line-up to fit your event's specific needs, the Cottontails are available to perform for parties, weddings, corporate occasions and public concerts.

August 13 - [The Alpha Rhythm Kings](#)



Swing. Jump Blues. Vintage Lounge. Boogie Woogie.

Established in 2017, the Alpha Rhythm Kings have created quite a stir with music fans, having crafted an exciting, King Size California sound, with what Roots Music Magazine No Depression calls "the badge of authenticity".

The band's top quality musicians, with Robert Dehlinger's "exhilarating" trumpet and "magnetic" singing (Jazz Corner) leading the way, are a favorite with swing dancers, as well as with audiences in nightclubs, festivals and concert halls.

September 10 - [Halsey & the Hi-Hats](#)



The coolest jazz cats west of the Mississippi, the Hi-Hats bring the retro with them wherever they go.





Birthdays

Ed Bordenave
Jeff Borghello
Corrado DeMartini
Mark DePaula
Baptiste Genestin
Jack Kellner
Bonnie McGregor
Richard Pignone
Katheleen Soper
Thomas Soper
Chris Vercelli

Anniversaries

Genedy and Masha Farber
Baptiste Genestin &
Julie Higounet
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Kitch
Deborah Micallef-Smith &
Charles Smith
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BAND SPOTLIGHT

VERDI CLUB
SUMMER OF SWING
SATURDAY, JULY 16TH



The Cottontails

The Cottontails are Karina Denike on vocals, Michael McIntosh on piano, Vic Wong on guitar, Joe Kyle, Jr. on bass, Tom Griesser on saxophone/clarinet, and the irrepressible Randy Odell on percussion. Also featuring some of the Bay Area's finest musicians as guests, including Scott Larson on trombone, Henry Hung on trumpet, Ari Munkres on bass, and vocalist Christie Winn.

The Cottontails have performed at jazz clubs, dance halls, cabarets and art events, at venues including SF City Hall, California Academy of Sciences, Bimbo's 365 Club, Palace of Fine Arts, Amoeba Records, SF Legion of Honor, Yoshi's SF/Oakland, San Francisco Maritime Museum, Cell Space, Great American Music Hall, and various clubs, concert series and jazz festivals in Northern California, New York City, Tokyo, England, and Germany. Our clients include Google, Apple, Ebay, Facebook, and SF MOMA, among many others. The Cottontails have shared the stage with James Hunter, Richard Cheese, The California Honeydrops, Veronica Klaus and other musical luminaries. . [HERE](#)



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Verdi Club now has an online application form on our website. Applicants can print the form and mail it in with a check – the traditional way. Or they can fill it in online, “sign it” electronically and request to be invoiced for associated fees. This enhancement will enable faster submission and approval of applications. Check it out on the Member page at <https://www.verdiclub.net/members/>

WESTERN DANCE EVENT

Friday, August 26

Beckylin & Her Druthers

When Beckylin's mother couldn't find a sitter and started taking her to the Rawhide (a gay country bar in SF), she never could have known that it would spawn a lifelong love of country music, but that it did.

Beckylin & Her Druthers are a wig country band out of the Bay Area recreating the glamour, fun, and sincerity of early 70's TV country music.

Beckylin and Her Druther's ever-expanding catalog of original music focuses on what Beckylin jokingly calls her "origin story," and on her mother, the original Cocaine Cowgirl. Their full repertoire of classic country spans the late 40's through early 80's.

Beckylin is the Glittering Queen of the Honky Tonk Scene. She is also known as Rebecca Lin Coseboom.



Sheila Schlicht

Sheila started tap dancing as a child and has not stopped moving her feet since. In addition to dancing at [Sundance Saloon](#) she can be found clogging and swinging throughout the Bay Area. She also keeps busy as a member of two dance troupes, Clogging Express and the Sundance Bandits. She loves teaching line dances as well as partner dances.

Purchase Tickets : [HERE](#)

VERDI CLUB SUMMER OF SWING

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH

Featuring



\$45 MEMBER
\$90 MEMBER + 1
\$55 NON-MEMBER

6PM DRINKS
7PM DINNER
8PM BAND

BUFFET MENU

Baby Back Ribs or
Five Cheese Macaroni Gratin
w/ Creme Fraiche Bisquits

Wine served with dinner. Additional bottles \$20
Proof of Vaccination Required

Ticket sales end Thursday, July 14

Tickets available at verdiclub.net

RSVP by email: rsvp@verdiclub.net



"Your life was our blessing, and you shall never be forgotten"

John Madrigal
May 30, 1934 – May 15, 2022

Our deepest sympathy to Joanne Madrigal and family. John Madrigal was born in San Francisco on May 30, 1934, and was just 15 days shy of his 88th birthday when he passed away peacefully at home after a long battle with cancer. John was married to the love of his life, Joanne, for 65 years. He met Margaret Joanne Moser at the Saint Francis Creamery in 1955 and from then on it was a true love story. They married and had three beautiful daughters Julie, Judie and Janeen; grand-daughter Jeena, and great-grandson Ian.

John was a long-time member of the Verdi Club and helped in many ways. Mainly he would fill in as bartender and always gave his tips back to the Club. He belonged to Portola Dads Club, Moose Lodge, Salami Circuit Club and the Teamsters Hitchin' Post Club. He loved life!

John was a true creative artist, craftsman, musician and so much more. There wasn't anything he couldn't do. HE WAS A TRUE RENAISSANCE MAN!



Annette Schutz ~ SUNSHINE CHAIR

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6PM DRINKS
7PM DINNER
8PM BAND

BUFFET MENU

Baked Ziti w/ Italian Sausage
Vegetarian Baked Ziti
Salad
Dessert

Wine served with dinner. Additional bottles \$20

Ticket sales end Thursday, August 11

Tickets available at verdidclub.net

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