



THE BEGINING

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May Issue

We did it! It's official...
we're BAAC.....

On Monday, the 7th of May, a fine group of accordion people came together and decided to organize a club for the purpose of bringing together those who appreciate the accordion and want to enlighten the community of the versatility and magnificents of the official instrument of San Francisco. Our meeting began with members taking turns playing a few tunes. The members of the club have a wide range of playing styles. It was wonderful to witness this rich display of accordion. Then, the discussion was open to the floor to determine the club's name, purpose and logo. All was considered and approved. The word "versatility" was included because we want to get away from the myth that our instrument is limited to ethnic music (boy, I've been tired of that one for a long time).

THOSE DARN ACCORDIONS

Talk about enlightening the public! Tom Torriglia and his group of players are the "toast of the town," in my book. They did what seemed impossible to me; something I've been wishing for a very long time. Again, thank you for the dream come true.....

Speaking of key players in the effort to move San Francisco toward their decision. People like Jim Holliday, Lou Soper, Clyde Forsman, Walter Traverso, Rusty Bartoli were there too....

AFTER THE MEETING

A few members got together for a drink at

La Pinata's in Burlingame. One thing lead to another, then all of a sudden an accordion arrived on the scene. It was a fine moment of spontaneous joy for music. The patrons showed a tremendous interest and sang their hearts out. Our club got its first feel of money. Someone in the crowd gave a couple of dollars. That money will be the first on the books. I hope you held on to it Brother Lou. [we do need officers!]

A SPECIAL THANKS!

To Woodlake Joes: We thank you very much for your beautiful facilities!.... The owner is first class and truly cares about his patrons.

A group of us will be having dinner before the meeting next month at the resturant. We welcome you to join us.

CHARTER MEMBERS

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- 1 JIM HOLLIDAY
- 2 LOU SOPER
- 3 WALTER TRAVERSO
- 4 JOE CATALANO
- 5 RENO PUCCI
- 6 CLYDE FORSMAN
- 7 LEO LEMBI
- 8 RUSTY BARTOLI
- 9 FRANK MONTORO
- 10 TOM SERAFIN
- 11 GEORGE POLI
- 12 JOHN FIORE
- 13 FLORENCE
DEL TURBO
- 14 MICHELLE
GALLANDRE
- 15 DOMINIC
PALMISANO

Peel off tab for the musical tip of the month...

PRAGUE!

SEE YOU ON JUNE 4
[WOODLAKE JOES]

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