



# 077 BEAT

February 2025

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## **Our February 23<sup>rd</sup> Show Big Sirs of Swing & AGHS Eagle Jazz Band at the Pismo Vet's Hall**

*by Rhonda Cardinal*

Big Sirs of Swing from San Luis Obispo and the AGHS Eagle Jazz Band from Arroyo Grande will be playing "Hot Swingin' Jazz" at the Basin Street Regulars' January Concert from 12:30 to 4:00 on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Pismo Beach Veteran's Building, 390 Bello Street in Pismo Beach. We will have a jam session starting at 11:00 a.m. Bring your instrument and join in. Jammers pay \$5.00 and must sign in at the door. Admission is now \$10 members, \$15 Non-members. Buy memberships at the event! Food and drinks and a BIG WOODEN DANCE FLOOR are available. Tickets available online at: [My805tix.com](http://My805tix.com)

own, all in the exciting and toe-tapping flavor of Gypsy Jazz.

The band consists of:  
Daniel Cimo on Violin and Vocals  
Forrest Williams on Lead Guitar  
Ron Mileur on Rhythm Guitar  
Alex Morrison on Stand up Bass

These guys are a great example of how talented individuals can come together to form a terrific band sound that is cohesive and exciting!



### **Opening Act: Arroyo Grande HS Eagles Jazz Band**

The AGHS Jazz Band is a group of musicians comprised of some of the most dedicated students at AGHS, spending their extra time working on pop and jazz music for local performances. At the same time, many of the students also perform in other groups at school and in the area. The AGHS Instrumental Music program is under the direction of Matt Barcus, an AGHS and BSR alumnus, who is happy to be back home on the central coast giving back to his community.

The Jazz Band would like to thank the AGHS Music Boosters for making their events possible, and all donations will go toward future events and festival fees.



### **Featured Band: Big Sirs of Swing**

"The Big Sirs of Swing" is a Gypsy Jazz Quartet based on the Central Coast of California. The Gypsy Jazz Genre consists of "Acoustic" Jazz and Swing and was conceived in France in the 1930s by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli.

The Big Sirs play and sing original Django tunes, classic Jazz and Swing standards, as well as original music of their

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They also thank the Basin Street Regulars for having them come and perform.

### Schedule for Sunday February 23:

**11:00 - 12:15 Jam Session**  
**12:15-12:30 Clean up/ Set-up**  
**12:30-1:30 AGHS Eagle Band**  
**1:30-1:45 Reset Stage**  
**1:45- 4:00 Big Sirs of Swing with a break**

### Prez Says

Jeff and I are leaving town to go on a Mississippi River cruise this month. We are cruising from New Orleans to Memphis. We are going to NO a few days ahead of the cruise to spend a little time before we get on the boat. It is Mardi Gras time and on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, we will see the Crewe of Cork parade, which is a celebration of wine. What could be more appropriate? I was hoping to see Tom Hook play, but he has semi-retired and will not be performing while we are in town. I expect to see Dave Ruffner at Café Beignet. You will all be seeing him in April at the Vets. I also booked us a dinner cruise on the Natchez, which is a three-hour dinner cruise to and from New Orleans. We have been on it before and enjoyed it very much. The weather is looking better, warming up from the deep freeze of a few weeks ago. We plan to take a few instruments just in case we need to play somewhere. We can always use the practice.

### Venues

To completely change the subject, I want to talk about venues. We will be at the Oceano Elks in March and probably

November. They have always been very hospitable to us and have offered the hall at a great price, as well as taking care of the food and beverage service. Many BSR members are also members of that lodge, and they make us feel very welcome.

Ribline, unfortunately, has closed its Grover Beach location, so we will not be able to plan any events there as of this moment.

A few weeks ago, we were approached by the new President of the Grover City Grange Hall, who had heard that we were looking for a good venue to stage our Sunday sessions. She offered up their hall at a very reasonable introductory price. A few of us have visited the facility and we think that it is very doable. The stage is good sized, and the room hosts a generous wood floor that is ideal for dancing. There is also a tiled room that can be used for dining and additional theater seating. There is a large parking area, currently in need of some grading. The kitchen is well equipped. The Grange would handle the food and beverages for us, their caterer is the Rancho Nipomo BBQ, so you know it will be good.

There are plans to improve the facility and the parking area before we use it. We are tentatively scheduled to have our May 18<sup>th</sup> event there. I encourage you to drive by this hall and familiarize yourself with the location. It does not look like much from the outside, but the inside will surprise you. The address is 370 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Grover Beach. We are hoping that this will turn out to be a good solution for everyone.

Jeff and I will miss the February Sunday session, but I know that February

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Please LIKE our Facebook pages! We have three: Basin Street Regulars, Pismo Jazz Jubilee and Rhonda BSR Cardinal. Subscribe to our YouTube channel—Basin Street Regulars.

On Instagram we are #basinstreetregulars! Don't miss out on photos and videos from our Sunday Sessions and from the Jazz Jubilee By the Sea.



23<sup>rd</sup> will be a great day, Big Sirs of Swing and the Arroyo Grande High School Eagles Jazz Band. Welcome back Matt Barcus. I'm sorry that we will miss it. We will see you in March.

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### **Opportunities to Serve** **Thanks to our new volunteers**

Vicki Pobor has stepped up to help run the BSR Bar. For the last few months, we have asked Burgers N More to run the bar because we did not have a BSR volunteer. They have been doing their best to keep it going but are happy to hand it back to us. We are very excited about this development. We will raise the prices in February to offset the cost of the security guards and the increased rent for the sales of alcohol. We are still expecting to have a dry month in April. We will reconsider this at our March Board meeting. More details follow in this newsletter.

David Russo has volunteered to help obtain our ABC licenses. Thank you very much to both Vicki Pobor and David Russo for stepping up.

**We are still in need of a Treasurer.** Linda Dutart has been doing this job for over 10 years and she would really like to be relieved of this duty. Here is the job description per the by-laws:

**Treasurer** The Treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and accounts of the Society. The Treasurer shall make only such disbursements from the funds of the Society as are authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall furnish the local, State and Federal governments with the proper tax records at the appropriate times. The Treasurer shall render monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors and, within one week of the conclusion of the annual election, shall

present the financial records of the Society to the new Board of Directors for audit. Here are some specifics, per Linda:

We transitioned from a 501 (c )(3) non-profit entity to being a Non-Profit Corporation in 2022. The Treasurer is a very important officer for our organization and we cannot function without one. There are many hands to help and Linda Dutart will be happy to train someone for this position for as long as needed.

If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 907 2097 or e-mail her at [rhondacardinal51@gmail.com](mailto:rhondacardinal51@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance.

Rhonda Cardinal

### **Help Support Livestream or Videotaping** **(even if you watch after the fact):**

Donate on-line at: [www.pismojazz.com](http://www.pismojazz.com)  
or you can mail a check directly to:

Basin Street Regulars  
P.O. Box 356  
Pismo Beach, CA, 93448



### **Video Recordings are Available:**

Recordings are now available from our Jazz Jubilee Central Coast shows featuring Crescent Katz and Tom Rigney and Flambeau. To view these and other previous BSR shows. go to our website, <http://basinstreetregulars.com/> and scroll down until you see the link for the BasinStreetRegulars YouTube Channel. Or go directly to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BasinStreetRegulars/>. You can also see it on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/BasinStreetRegulars> and look under videos. And while you're at it, check out all of our videos, starting with the most recently uploaded.

Rhonda Cardinal

## The BSR Bar is Back

Vicki Pobar has volunteered to help run the bar, along with Tara and others. We are very happy about this. **All proceeds from the bar will go directly to BSR!**

We are going to raise our prices to attempt to recoup the amount of money it costs us to serve alcoholic drinks at the Vet's Hall. To recap, our additional costs for alcohol sales are:

- \$290 - Security Guard (5 hours at \$58/hr).  
New requirement since returning to the hall in 2022!
- \$120 - increased rental fee due to alcohol.  
(8 hours at \$15/hr above basic rental rate)
- \$ 75 - ABC Liquor License - daily nonprofit fee

\$485 - Total expense per day before purchasing the beverages and bar supplies.

Alcohol sales time will remain the same:  
11:15am - 3:15pm

The following pricing was finalized for February:

- \$1 - bottle of water (12 oz)
- \$2 - can of soda
- \$3 - coffee (big cups!)
- \$8 - can of beer
- \$9 - glass of "good" wine - full pour in a bigger glass
- \$10 - mixed drinks - full pour in a bigger glass

### **\$7 - Selected Happy Hour mixed drinks from 11 AM until 1 PM**

We will see how things go in February. In March, we will be at the Elks; they supply the drinks. We have stated in previous articles that April will be a dry month. We will reconsider this position at our March Board meeting, depending on how the bar does in February. Please patronize your BSR-run bar. Thanks!



## Return to the Old Schedule

Back before the Covid shutdown, we would start the day with the jam session from 11:00 to 12:45, then bring on the feature band. They would play a set from 1:00 to 2:00, after which we would have an intermission band that would play for approximately 45 minutes before bringing the feature band back at 3:00 to close out the day. This automatically gave the feature band a break while the intermission band played. However, it required the feature band to arrive earlier in the day. It also meant more stage set ups while we switched bands back and forth, particularly if we had a big school band for the intermission set.

We have noticed that some people do not show up until 2:00, in time to see just the feature band. This is making it harder for our door people, who formerly closed up starting at 2:00 p.m. and are now waiting to close until 2:30 or 3:00. They can barely get into the hall to see the music. All of them are volunteers and they want to see the music as much as you do. Plus attendees are not there long enough to take full advantage of the bar and food service.

The Board has decided to re-institute the old schedule in the coming months. The contracted bands must be contacted to verify that they can accommodate different times. We are targeting March to start this, check the March newsletter for details.

Thank you for your continuing support and attendance.

## In the Wings

### ***Our March Event will be a Cal Poly***

**Showcase!** We will feature three Cal Poly based groups at the Oceano Elks location.

Our Feature Band will be Kathryn Loomis & Co. Kathryn Loomis graduated from Cal Poly in 2021. Her band will feature the current director of the Cal Poly Jazz Ensemble program, Dylan Johnson on bass and Daryl Voss, another Cal Poly alumni. The music of Kathryn Loomis & Company adds a romantic and feel-good atmosphere to any event! Whether singing a pop favorite or vintage jazz standard,

Kathryn's musical approach makes her performances as timeless as the songs she sings. Loomis is also an accomplished singer-songwriter. She recently recorded and released her debut album of original songs titled "The Nicest Thing."

Born and raised in Arroyo Grande, Kathryn graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in Fine Art at Allan Hancock College, and a Bachelor of Music at Cal Poly. Kathryn will perform with local musicians Ron McCarley, Jim Barnett, Dylan Johnson, and Darrell Voss.

### **Opening Act: Cal Poly Jazz Combo and the Cal Poly SLO Swing Dance Club**

The opening band will be a student led Cal Poly Jazz Combo, under the direction of Dylan Johnson. This band will provide music for the Cal Poly SLO Swing Dance Demonstration.

**Cal Poly Jazz Ensembles** provide opportunities for students to learn the jazz language through performance of literature from the great bands of all eras, arranging and composition of new works, and improvisation based on the masters of the music. They participate in a varied and exciting schedule of events. The University Jazz Band #1 has been professionally contracted to perform at the world's largest jazz festival (the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee), the San Jose Jazz Society's Sunday jazz series, a swing dance series in Santa Barbara, the Morro Bay Jazz Festival, the Jazz Jubilee in Pismo Beach, and as an opening act for Don Byron and comedian Bob Newhart. The band also regularly performs at swing dances on the Cal Poly campus.

### **Special Event - Dance Demonstration by the Cal Poly SLO Swing Dance Club**

The Cal Poly SLO Swing Dance Club (CP Swing) has been a warm and welcoming environment for years, and the officers of this club work to make sure it feels that way to everyone who stops by. CP Swing hosts

free lessons every Sunday with bonus lessons on Wednesdays, teaching Lindy Hop, East Coast Swing, Charleston, Balboa, and Solo Jazz. This year, the club is bringing back the beloved San Luis Obispo Lindy Hop Exchange, SLOx, in May for its 20th anniversary. The group of dancers pictured are all officers of the club or on the teaching committee, a group of people dedicated to providing a welcoming, fun environment to teach and learn various types of swing dance.

**We will be passing the hat during this performance. All donations will be split between the jazz combo and the swing dance club. Please be generous that day!**

### **Future Dates:**

Upcoming BSR Dance Concerts will feature:  
**March 30<sup>th</sup>**- Feature Band- Kathryn Loomis & Company Opening Band- Cal Poly Combo featuring a dance demonstration by the Cal Poly Swing Dance club. Event to be held at the Oceano Elks.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**- Feature Band West Coast Gumbo with special guest, Dave Ruffner; Opening Act Tevis Ranger Jazz Ensemble. At the Pismo Beach Veteran's Building.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**- Feature Band TBD, Opening Band - VOCE from Cuesta College

### **House Concert at the Cardinals**

The Cardinals are hosting Carl Sonny Leyland with special guests Ethan Leinwand & Valerie Jo Kirchoff, (also known as the St. Louis Steady Grinders) at a House Concert on Monday, **February 17th, 2025**. This is a very popular house concert and will be indoors. Suggested donations are \$25 each and will include food and drinks. Donation slips available at the door. Let us know you are coming by contacting Rhonda Cardinal at (805) 937 8402 or e-mailing her at [jwcardinal@msn.com](mailto:jwcardinal@msn.com). Doors will open at 5:00; the concert starts at 6:00 p.m.

**The January Show**



What a great day to spend a rainy Sunday. The rain kept some of you away. We only had a small crowd of 88, but we had guests from LA to Vallejo. If you weren't there you missed a great show. This was the first time Tu Chez Jazz graced our stage. They were fun, energetic, danceable and sounded terrific. I'm sure we will have them back. The guys were in black pants, shirts and ties, so handsome. Bodil wore a pretty silver pant suit with a black top. Her vocals were spot on. They are from the Central Coast. Every tune was a favorite tune, and the dancers were having a great time. I had a hard time deciding which tune was my favorite. "Night and Day," "Sway," "Summertime," "Is You, or Is You Ain't My Baby," "Route 66," and "Dream a Little Dream of Me." The set ended with "Almost Like Being in Love," well I'm in love with the band.

area. They are a very traditional jazz band and have been around for about 50 years. The faces have changed over the years, but the enjoyment they bring keeps us coming back for more. Our own Paul Reid was part of the band before he started playing with Cornet Chop Suey. We will never forget Chet Jaeger. I'm sure Chet is so proud of the band. The first set started out with, "At the Jazz Band Ball." "Rocking Chair," was sung by Les Deutsch in memory of Chet. People were amazed when Jim Richardson played two saxophones at the same time. We had some new members that had never seen anything like that before and they were blown away. "Cake Walking Babies," sung by Jim Richardson, had dancers on the floor and a parasol parade around the room, so many happy faces. Lots of music from the 20s and 30s. The second set had, "Chicago," "Russian Lullaby," and "I Found a Million Dollar Baby." The crowd went crazy when they did, "Yellow Dog Blues." For those that are unfamiliar with the tune, the band plays. When they finish a chorus in the tune, the band stops, the crowd stands up, throws their arms in the air and screams, then the band plays again. Each time the band stopped the crowd got louder. We had some brand-new members there and they loved the bands, the dancing, the parade and the music. They said BSR is really fun. They can't wait for next month.



Night Blooming Jazzmen was the headliner. They come from the Los Angeles





**Planning for  
Jazz Jubilee Central  
Coast 2025!**

Jazz Jubilee Central Coast is  
Orchestrated by the **Basin  
Street Regulars Hot Jazz**

**Club.** After our success last year, we are  
planning for the 2025 event which should  
run from **Friday, October 17th thru  
Sunday, October 26th, 2025.**

The weekend of October 24th  
through the 26th will feature the majority  
of the larger bands and events. The Basin  
Street Regulars Hot Jazz Club will present  
its **big show on Sunday afternoon,  
October 26th**, at the Pismo Veterans  
Hall. BSR is also now planning a couple  
other special events for that week. The  
2024 Festival featured 25 bands in 20  
shows at 15 venues. We expect that the  
2025 Festival will probably offer at least  
that many bands in most of the 2024  
venues plus additional venues.

If you would like your venue or band  
to be involved please contact Curtis at (805)  
773-4173 or [Curtis@curtisreinhardt.com](mailto:Curtis@curtisreinhardt.com).

**Invite a friend to a Sunday  
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**Guest Pass** free Non-Member Admission (1-2 guests/1 time only)

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**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

Not valid at the BBQ, Holiday Party or Special Events

**MEMBERSHIP**

We are in the new year, and it is time to pay your dues. We ended last  
year with 288 members, 66 were Silver Members. We have **134** members that have paid so far,  
**44** of them are Silver Members. We have 8 new members. Please welcome Dennis Nulman,  
Cindy & Pete Veneris, Alma Craven, Laura Lacey, Jean & Matt Moelter, and Patty Ann Rogers. We  
would also like to give a shout out and a Thank you to Mary Baiamonte, Loretta Newman and Sue  
Prior for their donations. If you have any questions about your membership or need to change  
your address, email or phone number please contact me at 805-937-2419 or  
[shamrockshonda59@gmail.com](mailto:shamrockshonda59@gmail.com)

**Thank you, Shonda Croly, Membership**

**Membership Rates:** **Student** \$20, **Single** \$35, **Couple** \$60 (these memberships pay \$5 to get into the  
Sunday sessions), **Silver** \$150 (per person, you get into Sunday Sessions and the picnic for free!)

**2025 Silver Members**

Anne Abler &  
Richard Woodworth  
Alice Addison  
Mary Baiamonte  
Jim Borland  
Chris & Tom Brayton  
Delaine Brown  
Jim & Karen Bull  
Alma Craven  
Eric & Shonda Croly

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Ricard Harvey  
Laura Lacey  
Lynn & Michael Link  
Eric & Trish McKay  
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Loretta Newman  
David Ogren

Gary Parkinson  
Sue Prior  
Bill & Carol Reid  
Curtis Reinhardt  
Don Rowland  
Bill & Carol Rust  
Susan Schneider & Joel  
Siegel  
Bill Sheckherd  
Ron Shipman & Judy  
Richart

Margaretha Weiser  
Linda & Priscilla Wilson

*Please consider  
becoming a Silver  
Member*

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## Upcoming Events:

### ***Membership renewal time!***

**February 17:** House Concert, Carl Sonny Leyland with Ethan Lienwand & Valerie Jo Kirchoff at the Cardinals \$25, Indoors. 5 PM gathering, 6 PM Concert. \$25 suggested donation includes food and drinks.

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**Save the Dates! Jazz Jubilee Central Coast plans in the works.  
Friday, October 17th thru Sunday, October 26th, 2025.**

