

VIOLADA GAMBA SOCIETY PACIFICA VOLUME 20, NO. 3 NOVEMBER 2006

# GAMBA NEWS

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Playing Year, That Is

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2006/07, please do so by Dec 1, 2006. By mid December we will be making up the new Membership List and we want to make sure YOU are on it. The renewal form may be found on page five -Thank you,  
Pj, Treasurer



*Ed. note*-Check your address label; if you see an asterisk next to your name then we have not yet received your renewal by press time. If you have already sent it in, thank you!

### Viol Talk

#### Lazar's Early Music

Has a new address and local phone number:

292 Gibraltar Drive #108  
Sunnyvale, CA 94089  
(408) 734-4920

#### Vice President Wraps Up Diplomatic Tour

Ricardo Hofer, World Traveler and VdGS-P Vice President, has returned from points abroad (Turkey, South America) where he may or may not have been playing the viola da gamba. Look for him at an upcoming play day.

#### Dates Announced/Confirmed

-Dates for the Fresno North/South meet are now confirmed: April 20-21 at the Piccadilly Inn. Rooms will be available for early birds on Thursday the 19th.

-Play day at Stanford with John Dornenburg will be on Saturday, February 17.

-Our end-of-year play day performance will be held again at St. Alban's on June 9.

-Next Board Meeting will take place in January, date TBD.

## For Sale

**Visit Your Local Viol Builder!** 7-string bass, Bertrand model, rich sound. 6-string bass, Jaye model, bright and delightful to play. Treble, Hoskins model. Tenors and other bass models also available. Soft and hard cases custom-fitted to your instrument. Repairs. Come by to try an instrument, take a shop tour and learn about building viols, or for idle chit-chat. **Alexandra Saur**, (510) 558-6927; (510) 559-9563, in Albany.

**Bow Repair** Alexandra Saur is now offering rehairing for both modern and early bows. Top quality hair and quick turnaround! 510-559-9563, bowrehair@alexandrasaur.com.

### Lazar's Early Music

Moeck (recorders and early winds), Kueng, Mollenhauer, Yamaha, Aesthe, Dolmetsch Millenium Recorders, and others in the near future. Competitive prices, instruments sent on approval, personalized service and advice. **Bill Lazar**, (408) 734-4920.

**Bass viol**, Wolfgang Uebel, Celle, Germany, 1977. With carved rose on sound board; 64 cm free string length. Very nice condition. Asking \$2500 with unpadded soft case. Bows available separately.

**Bows (2): William Monical**, octagonal stick, ebony frog/nut, 60.5 cm free hair length, 59 gms (treble/tenor,) new hair, asking \$650; **Unknown**, well made, ivory frog/nut, nice balance, 60.5 cm free hair length, 70 gms (tenor/bass,) frog crack is repaired, \$500.

Pictures of all are available on my website ([www.bill-lazar.com](http://www.bill-lazar.com)) on the 'used instruments' page. Contact **Bill Lazar**, [jblazar@aol.com](mailto:jblazar@aol.com), (408) 734-4920 for more information.

### Ruby Instruments

The world's first production model of a 7-string solid body electric viola da gamba! Play traditional and crossover music on one instrument! Coming soon! The Ruby dock, an attachment to hold the Ruby conventionally as well as to play on a stand! To hear and play the Ruby, contact **Kirby**, (510) 317-0834 or (510) 332-0834 (24-hour message); [gambaguy@msn.com](mailto:gambaguy@msn.com).

### Treble Viol Available to Rent

Treble viol by Michael Plant available for rent at reasonable price. Contact **Lee McRae**, (510) 848-5591, [LmcR@aol.com](mailto:LmcR@aol.com).

## GAMBA NEWS

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### Classified Ads

Short classified advertisements in Gamba News are free to VdGS-Pacifica members. For non-members, ads are \$5 per issue. Please mail your check made out to VdGS-Pacifica to Julie Morrisett, Editor, 1148 Norwood Ave. #1, Oakland, CA 94610.

### www.pacificaviols.org

Our VdGS-Pacifica chapter website is maintained and regularly updated by Helen Tyrrell. It contains the Viol Player's Calendar, along with a list of local teachers, sources for music, supplies, inexpensive viols, repairs, and travel tips. The VdGSA (national) website is www.vdgsa.org.

### Rent a Viol

Pacifica has trebles, tenors and basses to rent. Donations of viols and bows to our rental program are extremely welcome—we'll accept them in any condition. Rental fees range from \$15 to \$30 per month. In charge of rentals is John Mark, 10 Holyrood Manor, Oakland, CA 94611; (510) 531-1471; mark\_bach8@hotmail.com.

### Donating to VdGS-Pacifica

The Pacifica Chapter is an affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society (SFEMS), and along with other privileges this affiliation confers, we can receive tax-deductible donations. These include not only cash but viols, bows, musical scores, method books, tuners, stands and other viol paraphernalia. Especially since we now have a Youth Project working to teach young people the viol, please remember the chapter when you are cleaning out your music room.

Cash donations can be used for new rental instruments and bows, new music for the chapter playing library, the Pacifica Youth Project, or our scholarship fund.

To ensure that your donation will be tax-deductible, please make out the check to SFEMS with a note on the lower left corner: "for VdGS-Pacifica." Then send your donation check to Penni Savage, Treasurer, VdGS-Pacifica, 436 Hudson Street, Oakland, CA 94618. She will forward your check to SFEMS.

SFEMS will accept and record the donation, then transfer the funds to us. You will receive an acknowledgment letter from SFEMS for your tax records.

When you donate a viol or other materials, you will receive a letter citing the estimated value of the instrument or materials for your tax records.

## Pacifica Play Day Schedule 2006-2007

| DATE        | COACH                       |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| November 11 | Joanna Blendulf             |
| December 2  | Shira Kammen                |
| January 13  | Roy Whelden                 |
| February 17 | John Dornenburg at Stanford |
| March 10    | Julie Jeffrey               |
| April 20-21 | ~ Fresno Meet ~             |
| May 12      | William Skeen               |
| June 9      | Our Party at St. Alban's    |

Each month, as soon as you receive your Gamba News (or before), please call or email John Mark, our peerless consort arranger, to tell him you will attend the upcoming play day and what size(s) you will bring. (510) 531-1471; mark\_bach8@hotmail.com.

All play days except those at Stanford are held at Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Boulevard, Oakland. The church is just west of the Park Boulevard exit off Highway 13. We meet at 9:15 am for the coached session.

Sheet music, coffee and tea will be supplied. Please bring either a sack lunch for yourself or a dish or drinks to share at our customary potluck. The church has a microwave we can use. There is also a Mexican restaurant close by.

Please bring a music stand and any consort music of your own you'd like to play. Consorts are formed based on the information you provide to John Mark. Newcomers and rank beginners are welcome.

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# Mark Your Calendar

## Upcoming Playing Opportunities, Concerts and Workshops

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### Wednesday, November 8

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The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra (MPRO) bimonthly meeting. Early strings, winds and recorder players are invited to attend. Please bring music stand. Future meetings: January 10th and 31st.

8:00 pm, Jane Lathrop Middle School, Music Room #060, 480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Contact Frederic Palmer (650) 591-3648; [www.sfems.org/mpro](http://www.sfems.org/mpro)

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### Saturday, November 11

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SFEMS presents Fretwork: "L'Dor Va Dor," Jewish Composers in the English Court. Featuring music by members of the Lupo and Bassano families and others. Fretwork is: Wendy Gillespie, Asako Morikawa, Richard Campbell, Richard Tunncliffe, and Richard Boothby, viols.

8:00 pm, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College at Garber, Berkeley. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; [www.sfems.org](http://www.sfems.org)

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### Sunday, November 12

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Chattanooga Chamber Music presents Duo Mirable (Joanna Blendulf, viola da gamba, and JungHae Kim, harpsichord) performing music of Couperin, d'Anglebert, and Marais.

3:00 pm, Home of Kathy Perl, 152 Chattanooga St. (between Dolores and Church), San Francisco. \$15. Space limited; please reserve in advance (415) 641-0940

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### Sunday, November 12

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Fretwork repeats program of November 11.

3:30 pm, St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, 500 De Haro at Mariposa, San Francisco. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; [www.sfems.org](http://www.sfems.org)

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### Monday, November 13

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Fretwork repeats program of November 11.

8:00 pm, First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer at Webster, Palo Alto. \$25/\$22. (510) 528-1725; [www.sfems.org](http://www.sfems.org)

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### Sunday, November 19

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Music That Cooks presents the Galax Quartet (David Wilson and Cynthia Miller, baroque violins; Roy Whelden, viola da gamba; David Morris, baroque violincello) performing music of J.S. Bach, Marc Mellits, Dan Becker, and Belinda Reynolds.

7:30 pm, College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Avenue at Claremont, Oakland. Half of proceeds will benefit the church's "food for the homeless" program.

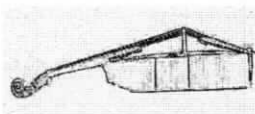
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### Friday, December 1

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The East Bay Chapter of the American Recorder Society (ARS) monthly meeting. Early strings, winds and recorder players are invited to attend. Guest conductors will be Tish Berlin and Frances Blaker. Please bring music stand.

7:30 pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Oakland. (510) 483-8675 or (415) 472-6367 for more information





# Membership News

If you are a new member of VdGS-Pacifica and/or a Viola da Gamba renter, please do come to one of our Play Days. (The play day schedule may be found on page three.) We have excellent coaches in the morning and a wonderful pot luck at mid-day; but the highlight is playing together morning and/or afternoon. If you are feeling a bit insecure there is always the option of doubling, asking for a mentor or spending just half a day. Our usual

attendees range from beginner to advanced players but we are all still learning. By playing together we help each other improve-and we would like to share this experience with you.

Please contact John Mark (mark\_bach8@hotmail.com or (510) 531-1471) several days before the play day to let him know you will be attending-we are looking forward to seeing YOU.

## New Members

**Nancy Rifkin**  
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## Renewals

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First and last name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number, including area code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Playing Member (\$25): *You can attend monthly consort meetings free; you get a free subscription to Gamba News, and you get a discount on consort-coaching sessions.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Two-person membership (\$35): *Two playing members in the same household. You share all the rights and privileges of a Playing Member.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter-Only Membership (\$10)

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation to VdGS-Pacifica will help us buy sheet music and rental instruments and fatten our scholarship fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

*Make out check to VdGS-Pacifica.  
Mail it with this form to:*

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