

Gamba News



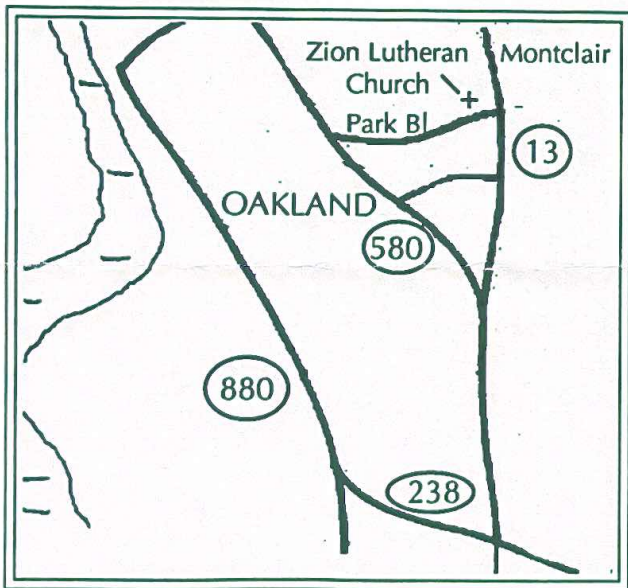
Newsletter of the Pacifica Chapter of the Viola da Gamba Society of America

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April Meeting

If this newsletter looks like last month's, it is because we are meeting at the same location April 13 as we did in March; Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Bl., Piedmont. Map below. Meeting will start at 9:30 with socializing and finding the room for your morning playing group. Bring lunch or plan to eat at a nearby restaurant (last month a number of us lunched at a good Mexican restaurant on Park Blvd). In return for providing this excellent playing environment, we agreed to provide music for the Mother's day services on May 12.

MAP FOR APRIL MEETING



March Meeting

We had a good showing for this meeting, at Zion Lutheran Church on March 9. We formed three groups in the morning and afternoon: two recorder playing visitors from Sacramento joined with one

of the groups and stayed all day! Welcome to these two new Newsletter members, **Billie Hamilton** and **Dorothy Orolin**. We also welcomed new playing member **Jessica Truche**, and returning playing member **Vaclav Skruzny**, who both live in San Francisco.

Elections

Three members (**Corliss Myers**, **Ellen Alexander**, and **Carolyn Coolidge**) were asked to act as nominating committee for the slate of members-at-large. Thank you for making all those calls! In addition to the current members-at-large, **John Dornenburg**, **John Mark**, **Alvin Roper**, **Glenna Houle** and **Jane Johnson**, the nominating committee approached **Elizabeth Nichols** and **Todd Wetherwax**, who agreed to stand. This paragraph will served to notify our membership of the election, to be held at our June 8th meeting. If there are any corrections or additions to the above slate, please indicate them on your reply cards. Remember that prospective members-at-large must give their agreement to serve as a condition for nomination. The bylaws permit us to elect 5 or 7 members-at-large, so if we receive more nominations, the choice will be made at the June 8th meeting. Other officers of the Society are not due for reelection until next year.



OFFICERS	
PRESIDENT:	Peter Ballinger
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Lee McRae
SECRETARY:	Marilyn Cantey
TREASURER:	Dalton Cantey

Board Meeting Report

At a board meeting held on March 16, our treasurer, Dalton Cantey, reported that our bank balance stood at \$1364.68, which included a carryover of \$918.25 from fiscal 1990. Our membership stands at 69—40 playing, 29 newsletter. The board spent some time discussing possible uses for surplus funds, and it was decided to solicit responsible suggestions from the membership. Our calendar for the 1991-2 season was decided as follows:

September 14: October 12: November 9:
December 14: January 11 (1992): February 8:
March 14: April 11: April 24-26 (Fresno meeting,
tentative): June 13.

Chapter Instrument Collection: Neil Hendricks sent us a treble and a tenor viol on indefinite loan: we also possess several other trebles and tenors of which at least three are acceptable as beginning instruments. John Mark and Peter Ballinger each agreed to make a bass available. Most of these instruments are being used by John Dornenburg in his beginning viol class in the SFEMS Evening School, but will be available for other uses in a few weeks time. Possible uses, at least until a future SFEMS evening class, are: coaching for beginners by Hazelle Miloradovitch (including perhaps some of the recorder players of the Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra who were interested in trying the viol); loans to playing members of an instrument that they do not at present play. We are interested in your views on this matter.

The Board decided to recompense Julie Jeffrey for the hours she spends each month planning the groups for our meetings, and usually spending further time at the meetings themselves, making last minute adjustments.

Letter to the Editor (*a first!*)

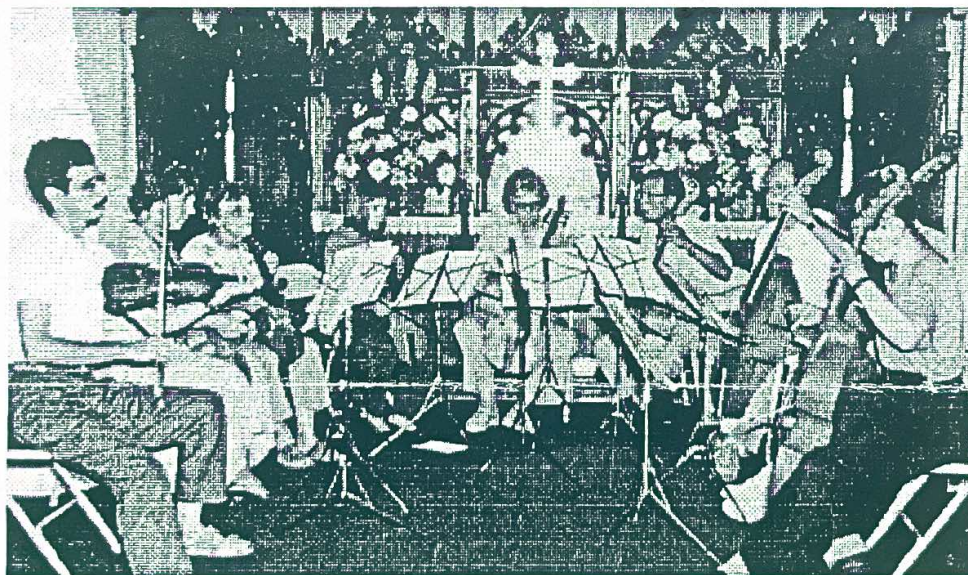
Before the last board meeting, I asked some infrequent meeting attenders for suggestions and was told that the option of playing in small ensembles (3, 4 or even 2) would encourage attendance. Julie, our excellent coordinator, thought that this could be arranged.

—Glenna Houle

North - South Meet

By now, you should have received information and a registration form for the annual N-S Meet, to be held at the Piccadilly Inn in Fresno, April 26-28. If you have not, *or know non-member(s) who would like to come*, write or call the coordinator, Walter Unterberg [5709 Burnet Av, Van Nuys, CA 91411 (818)780-6333] ASAP and certainly before April 12. Beginners are welcome!

Archival Photograph



Herb Myers took this photograph at the Carmel excursion last September. (l to r: Jonathan Friedes, Maureen McTigue, Betty Nichols, Julie Jeffrey, Mary Lois Rundles, John Mark, Peter Brown, Peter Ballinger (invisible), Cecilia Doris).

Forthcoming Event

Sunday, June 2: Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra in a concert of British and American recorder ensemble music. 2 pm. Admission free. (415)881-3115 (day), 591-3648 (evg.)