



SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear RBS Members and blues lovers,



Mardi Gras Recap: Thanks for a great turnout and a highly successful Mardi Gras event at Boomtown Feb. 19. We had the tables filled, the dance floor overflowing and all the silent auction items bid on and picked up that evening. What a great show by Maxx Cabello, Jr., and his band. The silent auction netted \$1,935 and we rounded that up to \$2,000 for helping to sponsor the Tuesday Bluesdays at Palisades Tahoe this summer. We're working on what that monetary

support will look like with the homeowner's association there (the sponsoring organization of special events in The Village) for the RBS like having our banner hung behind the stage, a PA announcement of being a major sponsor before each show and possibly a small, reserved section of seats for us each week. Details to come as we get closer to the June 14-August 30 series in The Village at Palisades Tahoe.

Board Members and Committee Chairs Still Needed: Thanks to members Brenda Cash (new membership chair) and Elizabeth Mink for joining the board of directors and chairing our music grant program. We also have two brand new members, Tom Colby and Steve Kaye, who will be helping in various ways and hopefully also serving on the board soon. We still need additional help including a treasurer to serve on the board and several committee openings. Please offer to help and contact me at (775) 848-2590. This is YOUR blues society so if you're a new member, get involved and help the organization out. If you're a long-time member but have never served, now is your time. And if you've served before and it's been a while since you helped, consider assisting us again.



Spring Dance May 14 with Blues Monsters at Boomtown: Remember our next event is our annual spring dance, Saturday, May 14 at Boomtown with the legendary Blues Monsters performing. Doors will open at 7 with music from 7:30 to 10:30. Tickets will be \$20 for everyone - no discount this time. Tickets will be available on our website via PayPal later this month as well as at Recycled Records and Hippies for advance sales soon and at the door night of the event, of course. This will be a fabulous show and you get to see them up close and personal in a showroom before they start playing the local outdoor venue and festival circuit. Why pay \$20 to see a great local band? Well, four reasons. First, we have a large (24x24) dance floor made of real wood - no cement or tile to dance on or tables to dodge or over-served individuals from the local pub you might frequent. Second, we have a large (24x12) raised stage with lights and great sound. Third, we have linen tablecloths and skirting on the round tables and padded chairs to sit on when you're not on the dance floor. And fourth, you are supporting the Reno Blues Society, a 501 c 3 organization. This is the event we just try to break even on and if we made a little, it goes toward our year-long expenses for p.o. box rental, blues foundation membership, state of Nevada and county filing fees and miscellaneous other business expenses we incur throughout the year.

Music Grants Made: Speaking of our music grant program, we recently helped a young music student in Carson City with the purchase of a trumpet he was renting (we spent about \$282) and we also assisted another elementary school student with the moving and tuning of a donated piano (waiting for the bill but likely less than \$200). RBS member Travis Palmer is a private music teacher and he introduced us to these two aspiring musicians in need of assistance.

Third Thursdays Return: Our monthly social, Third Thursday, begin next month with Thursday, April 21 from 5:15-6:30 or so at Bighorn Bar & Grill on W.7th just West of Keystone. These will continue the third Thursday each month through October and most months we will be on the venue's respective patio/courtyard unless weather dictates otherwise. The rest of the scheduled socials will be announced soon. Future dates for your schedules are May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15 and October 20.



BBQ, Brews and Blues June 10-11: You probably saw that the Eldorado will again be sponsoring their annual blues festival BBQ, Brews and Blues in downtown Reno June 10-11 after taking two years off due to Covid-19. We hope to get a complementary booth as we've had in the past, but the Eldorado and Tri-properties are now part of a major corporation

Caesar's so things may be different. We'll keep you in the loop and hope to be there promoting the blues, selling our merchandise and sign up new and existing RBS members.

Standing Blues Events and Jams: Don't forget the monthly blues jam the first Thursday each month from 7-10pm or so at Alturas Bar with Phatman (Tony G) and Robin hosting area musicians. Also, the Buddy Emmer Blues Band plays every Tuesday from 8-11pm at the Center Stage Bar at Harrah's in Stateline with local and regional guest blues artists featured each week.

Musician's Rehearsal Center (MRC): Our friend and former co-owner of Peavine Taphouse, Matt Reardon, has a new venture with the Musician's Rehearsal Center in Sparks he recently purchased and is renovating. Please Click and SUBSCRIBE here to win some cool music swag and an acoustic electric guitar: [Bit.ly/MRCyt](https://bit.ly/MRCyt). Matt would be stoked on the support for his youtube channel and would like help spreading the word. They will be promoting all of our resident bands on this channel if they give him the information. He is also creating content to help support our local scene as well as preparing for an in house "Daughtry Unplugged" Live at the MRC on March 18th.

Keepin' the blues alive in Northern Nevada,

Jamie Klund, President
Reno Blues Society