



SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear RBS Members and blues lovers,



Spring Dance Recap

What a great show the Blues Monsters put on for us at Spring Dance at Boomtown Casino-Hotel on May 14. Thanks for the support and we had an overwhelming walk-up crowd that night – that’s a good thing and we had to have Boomtown events bring out extra chairs TWICE – not such a good thing. We will setup for a larger crowd next time. We were able to make decent money that will allow us to put on a good

summer party – details to come soon – and continue promoting blues music.

Membership Dues are Due July 1

We switched last spring to a July 1-June 30 membership year for all members (except Lifetime Trustees – for \$200 you never pay dues again!). So, just a friendly reminder to either go to our PayPal link on renoblues.org to pay, OR, make a check out to Reno Blues Society and mail to RBS, P.O. Box 10742, Reno, NV 89510-0742. Dues are \$20 for an individual for a year or \$30 for two years; couples/families pay \$30 a year or \$50 for two years. Thanks in advance for your support.

Welcome New Board Members and Committee Chairs

Thanks to members Brenda Cash (new membership chair), Elizabeth Mink (new music grant chair), Paula Nesbitt (silent auction chair) and Steve Kay (merchandise chair) for stepping up to lead areas that weren’t filled as well as to Steve Kaye for becoming Vice President, Tom Colby serving as treasurer, Yvonne Deslongchamp assuming the secretary position and Elizabeth joining as a board member.

Third Thursdays Continue

Our monthly social, Third Thursday, continue and with a couple down here is the remaining schedule. Hope to see you there, 5:15 to 6:30pm or so. First one there, save a table or two for us. Thursday, **June 16** at Pub 'n Sub 10th and Ralston; **July 21** at Great Basin on Victorian Ave.; **August 18** at Famous Dave's on Kietzke; **Sept. 15** at Mama Celeste's Gastropub & Pizzeria on Los Altos just East of Pyramid; and **Oct. 20** at Archie's on N. Virginia St.



BBQ, Brews and Blues June 10-11: The Eldorado (now Caesar's and the tri-properties) will again be sponsoring their 25th annual blues festival - BBQ, Brews and Blues - in downtown Reno June 10-11 after taking two years off due to Covid-19. We have our complimentary booth to renew memberships and sign-up new members AND sell our logoed

merchandise – fedoras and baseball caps, t's, tanks, and tie-dye t' and tanks. Contact Steve Kaye at merch@renoblues.org for more info or to sign up for a four-hour shift (Friday shifts are 9-1, 1-5 and 5-10 and Saturday shifts are 11-3, 3-7 and 7-10).

RBS' Bluesday in the Village at Palisades Tahoe Sponsorship Starts June 14

The RBS is now a sponsor of Bluesday in The Village at Palisades Tahoe June 14-Aug. 30 for 12 Tuesdays of great blues this summer. The entire lineup is listed on our website event page. We will be presenting a check on opening night June 14 at 6pm to the Palisades Village Neighborhood Company (the HOA there) and sponsor-organizer of the weekly event with a check for \$2,000. These are the funds we raised with your help at our Mardi Gras silent auction in February. Thank you!

Summer Membership Party Aug. 21, 3-7pm

Details to come but a member has stepped up to offer her home and yard for our potluck membership party with a live local blues band on Sunday, Aug. 21. The potluck will go from 3-4pm with live music 4-7pm with a band to be announced soon. Stay tuned for details.

New Blues Events, Shows

Go to our website, renobluesociety.org, and check out our events calendar that webmaster Bruce Titus maintains for us. A couple things not listed include **Chalk Art Festival July 8-10 at Atlantis** with blues artists Eddie Cotton, JP Soares, and JC Smith. This free event takes place in the Atlantis parking lot as a special event within Artown. **Tedeschi Trucks are performing Aug. 26 at the GSR at 8pm** - that's Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks, both awesome artists. Also, blues legend and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer **Buddy Guy Aug. 28 appears at the Silver Legacy Grand Expo Hall at 8pm** - both Tedeschi-Trucks and Buddy Guy are ticketed shows.

RBS Members Get 10% Discount to Battle Axe and Tracks Oct. 1-2 at Rancho

Battle Axe and Tracks inaugural blues festival is Oct. 1-2 at Rancho San Rafael. With music on two stages from noon to 9:30pm both days, they have a stellar lineup with Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Jimmie Vaughan, Samantha Fish and Sue Foley headlining along with many other great artists, all listed on our events page on renoblues.org. RBS members (or anyone reading this email) can use the discount code "RBS10" for a 10% discount on any ticket - daily passes \$99, two-day passes \$179 and two-day VIP passes \$450. Go to www.battleaxeandtracks.com and key in "RBS10" for your discount on the their ticket link. The RBS will have a booth at the festival with our merchandise and signing up folks for memberships so if you go, stop by the booth. Contact merch@renoblues.org, Steve Kaye, our VP and merchandise chair, to see about helping work the booth.

Standing Blues Event at Harrah's Stateline

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. The schedule into July is on our events page on renoblues.org.

Silent Auction Help Needed

We're trying to expand our silent auction held at our Mardi Gras Dance in February but need lots of member participation. Paula Nesbitt is chairing this and has several openings for a variety of jobs. Currently, we are only finding out your level of interest in giving a hand. Prior to any solicitation, we will compile a list to avoid any redundancy. The areas we see at this time are (you can select more than one):

- Distribute promotional materials;
- Procuring auction items: Most of you probably know someone who would donate an item or gift card, big or small. If not, we can assign one. (If you're uncomfortable asking, just remember it's not for you – it's a fundraiser!);
- Preparing auction items (bundling, basketing – Are you good at giftwrapping?);
- Printing item bid sheets, etc.;
- Setting up prior to event start (arrange tables) then helping oversee the bidding (yes, you can still go dance).

Please address your response/questions to either paula@renoblues.org or president@renoblues.org. Thanks in advance for your help.

Keepin' the blues alive in Northern Nevada,

Jamie Klund, President
Reno Blues Society