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CHANGES IN CLUB MEMBERSHIP!

Member News (from the newly formed Membership Committee)

We would like to thank our members for their support. We encourage all readers of the *Hurdy Gurdy* to become members. We need your support to continue.

Costs for our performers are covered by membership dues, ticket sales at the door and concert bake sale profits. We also appreciate the occasional donations from time to time from special friends. However, our costs are rising and cannot be fully met without some changes.

Beginning in the fall of 2003 our regular membership fees will be increasing, and we have created some exciting new special membership levels. By becoming a member at one of these new levels, you can help to make sure the Club keeps going, presenting great music, giving musicians opportunities from the Open Mike right through the Concert level, doing instrument loans and keeping folk and acoustic music alive and well right here on the South Shore.

Membership levels for the 2003-2004 season:

- **REGULAR MEMBER** – The new price will be \$10.00. This entitles you to \$2.00 off one ticket to each Concert and \$1.00 off one ticket to each Coffeehouse for the season.
- **REGULAR MEMBER AND GUEST** – The new price will be 15.00. This entitles you to \$2.00 off two tickets to each Concert and \$1.00 off two tickets to each Coffeehouse for the season.
- **TRUE BLUE MEMBER** – For \$25.00 you can help the Club by becoming a True Blue Member. This level entitles you to the same benefits as a Regular Member and Guest plus you will be listed as a True Blue Member in an issue of the *Hurdy Gurdy* plus you will be entered in a drawing and may get to be our guest at one of our famous potlucks and meet the performers!
- **SILVER SUSTAINING MEMBER** – For \$50.00 you can help even more by becoming a Silver Sustaining Member. This level entitles you to the same benefits as a True Blue Member, including being listed in an issue of the *Hurdy Gurdy* and the potluck drawing plus a *SSFMC Sampler CD.
- **GOLDEN PATRON OF THE CLUB MEMBER**- For \$100.00 you can be a Golden Patron of the Club. This level entitles you to the same benefits as Silver Sustaining Membership, including the *SSFMC Sampler CD. You will be listed as a Golden Patron in ALL issues of the *Hurdy Gurdy* and know that you are supporting the Club at the highest level of commitment, with our thanks.

*The SSFMC Sampler CD depends on getting performance donations from the artists; we're working on it!

We are also moving to a seasonal membership for 2003–2004. So all memberships will run from September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004. We wish to update our membership information, and **we ask for the attached membership application for the 2003-2004 season to be returned as soon as possible. If we can get this done by June 30th** we can be ready in time for next season. To facilitate this change, we will not be accepting any new member applications for the current season. All current memberships will expire August 2003. But we will give you credit for the months you have already paid for; here's how: if you chose to, please feel free to reduce your payment for the 2003-2004 season by \$.70 per each already "paid month" if you are a Regular Member and \$1.00 per each "already paid" month if you are a Regular Member and Guest. For example, if you have a current Regular Member and Guest membership that expires in December, 2003, you have already paid for 4 months of the 2003-2004 season (Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec). When you send in the attached form, you may take a \$4 credit and renew your membership for \$15 - \$4 credit = \$11. Of course you may also take the appropriate credit if you want to upgrade your membership to any of the new special member levels, too. We appreciate your patience and good will while we make these changes. If you need help, please call the Club at 781-871-1052.

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We are also making some changes regarding our mailing list and our newsletter, the *Hurdy Gurdy* and our new electronic *e-Hurdy Gurdy*. The *e-Hurdy Gurdy* will have the same information as the physical *Hurdy Gurdy* and will cut down on printing costs, paper use and postage costs.

All Membership levels are entitled to receive the *Hurdy Gurdy*. Members may elect to receive the *Hurdy Gurdy* via e-mail and help us reduce costs or via snail mail.

If you are not ready to become a member, but still want to get the *Hurdy Gurdy*, we have created two new categories of relationship to the Club, "Friends" and "e-Friends". "e-Friends" will receive the *e-Hurdy Gurdy* free by providing their e-mail address. "Friends" will receive the *Hurdy Gurdy* by mail by sending \$5.00 per season to defray printing and mailing costs.

Only Members (all levels), Friends and e-Friends will get the *Hurdy Gurdy* or *e-Hurdy Gurdy* starting in September. If you stop getting your *Hurdy Gurdy* next season, it probably means you didn't send in the Membership/Friend form below.

In the future we hope to have a link with our www.ssfmc.org website for the *Hurdy Gurdy*. It also may be possible to send members concert news and updates via their e-mail. (with permission of course.)

One final change, Coffeehouse prices for the 2003-2004 season will be \$5 for Members and \$6 for non-members.

If you need help understanding any of this, please leave a message on the Club phone at 781-871-1052, and we'll call you back.

Thanks for your support for these past 24 years. With your help, we look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary and starting our next 25 years!

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New Membership/Friend Application _____ Renewal _____

The new Membership year runs from September 1 thru August 31. Each member in good standing is entitled to reduced rates at specific club functions and a vote at club business meetings and elections.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

****Member \$10.00 [] **Member and Guest - \$15.00 [] ** True Blue Member - \$25.00 []**

**** Silver Sustaining Member - \$50.00 [] **Golden Patron of the Club - \$100.00 []**

***Friend -\$5.00 [] e-Friend – Free []**

****I wish to receive the *Hurdy Gurdy* via Email [] or Snail Mail []**

*** I'm not ready to become a member but wish to receive the *Hurdy Gurdy* via regular mail, and I am enclosing \$5.00 to cover costs.)**

(e-Friends will receive the *Hurdy Gurdy* via e-mail)

Please mail application to above address with self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(For SSFMC use: Card # _____)