



March Chapter Meeting

Meeting: Revitalizing the Older Yamaha and Kawai Upright Piano

Time / Date: 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 6

Location: DC Piano Company
2416 San Pablo Ave
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 549-9755

There is an ever-growing presence of used Japanese pianos entering the market. We'll be focusing on the aspects that we do in house at DC Piano Company to bring back all of the original glory of older Yamaha and Kawai upright pianos. Quick tips to make the finish look new again, common issues that we find with these pianos and easy ways to fix them. (Of course an easy method for replacing hammer butt flange cords). You will be able to come away with tips that will save you time and make your work more valuable.

Minutes – February

Christopher Ris discussed key bedding and the use of the glide bolts as “touch regulators”. He also demonstrated how to set let off with the ears rather than the eyes by listening for the hammer touching the vibrating string as it is slowly run through let off.

Coming Soon...

- **April:** David Abdalian, What I wish I would have know sooner: Center Pinned!!
- **May:** Angel Shot Voicing - Zhiwei Huang

Center Pinned! coming in April 2018

Hands on Class - "What I Wish I Had Known Sooner" by David Abdalian, RPT

How to install, adjust and rebush center pins is a hands on class that will allow class participation and hands on learning of techniques. It will require tools & supplies as listed below. Any tools not listed are not recommended. If you don't yet have the tools come anyway as we can always share.

Listed in order of Best, Better, Good. Sources: (R=Renner S=Schaff, PT=Pianotek, WNG=Wessel, Nickle & Gross, A=Amazon, MGT=Mother Goose Tools. Item number in ()

1. Renner Flange Bushing Cloth Strips: R \$3
2. Micrometer: Starret Pocket Thickness Gauge: PT(MIC-S1010) \$300, Mitutoyo Thickness Gauge: PT(7300) \$139
1. These micrometers are idea because they also measure, tuning pins, keypins, cloth, felt and more. The Starret has been out for decades so might be available on the used market: Ebay
2. Centerpin Installer/Extractor Punch: WNG(06-5373) \$60, PT(CPT-1) \$55, S(5501) \$33
3. Flush Cutters: Xuron Microshear Flush Cutters A(2175) \$12
4. Center Pin Case with pins: PT(CPX) \$63, S(165A) \$65
5. Pin Vise: S(152) \$8, S(149) \$8
6. Drill Bits: Both: 7/64" (S71) \$2 and #37 (S71A)
7. Analog Tension Gauge: Correx 2-15 Gm PT(31-003-7) \$307, WNG 1-10Gm (06-0336) \$85, Unknown brand Tension Gauge PT(TG-10) \$46
8. Alcohol Rubbing 91%
9. Damp Sponge
10. Bushing Cloth Sizing Tool: R(1855) \$45, Substitute: General Hardware Metal Number Size Drill Gauge (15) \$15
11. Flange Bushing Broach Kit: MGT(309) \$30 or complete kit \$75 S(220) \$40
12. Protek CLP: S(1406) \$7 PT(PRO4) \$7

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A recording from Shawn Skylark:

"Still Life – 10 Pieces For Solo Piano". This is a collection of original piano pieces, which are released on CD. (available at CD Baby, iTunes, and www.shawnskylark.com).

It was recorded on a Bösendorfer 225.

Bösendorfer informed Shawn that they have added it to their online Music Library which is part of their web site at www.boesendorfer.com.

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