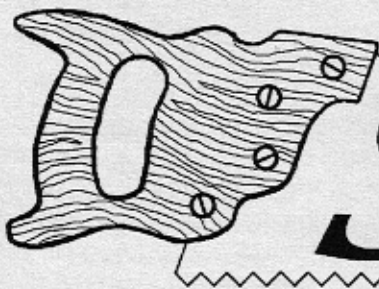


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Living On The Cutting Edge...



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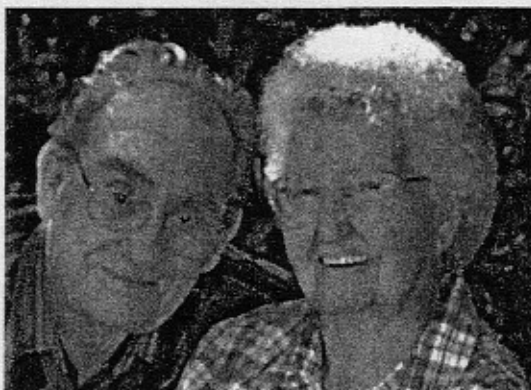
Someone once said: "Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine." Many things have changed since our last CSPA Newsletter, and challenges have arisen, but we are moving in a positive direction.

As you may know, **Charlie & Viola Blacklock** have been the heart and soul of the California Saw Player's Association since the beginning of our organization. Last November I got a call from Viola (our Secretary-Treasurer), who told me that Charlie was in the critical care unit in the hospital and was going to have to step down as our President. Charlie has since been in and out of the hospital several times, and Viola is valiantly carrying on with taking care of herself and Charlie and her family and home, but obviously she has less time to devote to the CSPA.

So, since I was the Vice President of the CSPA, I have taken on the roll of Acting President. With the help of a small but loyal group of Officers, Ambassadors and other VIP's - we are trying to step into the BIG shoes worn by The Blacklocks and move forward. We have had several meetings to consider all the responsibilities, options and ideas before us, and we are making good progress. We will be having our regular election of officers in August or September, and we hope to find members interested in helping to lead our organization.

As you know, we have members not just from California, but from many other states as well as many countries around the world. We felt the CSPA name did not seem inclusive of those members - so our officers voted to change the name. After much discussion, we decided upon the **IMSA (the International Musical Saw Association)**!

Behind the scenes, CSPA Officers **David Hudnut**, **David Weiss**, and **Patrick & Jan Weldon** have been contributing their time, ideas and efforts to ensure that we will be able to put on our next **Saw Players Picnic**



Charlie & Viola Blacklock 4/14/02

and Music Festival on schedule (next July 19th and 20th). We all are trying to contribute to the well-being of our Musical Saw-playing membership. CSPA Officer **Art Peterson** continues to work on our CSPA (now IMSA) website: www.SawPlayers.org. Art is personally very close to Charlie and Viola, and will help make our transition smoother. CSPA VIP **Bruce Bratton** will continue to help out with our publicity efforts in the Santa Cruz area. I contacted professional Graphic Designer (and musical saw player) **Robert Armstrong** (who designed the CSPA "California Saw" logo and other musical saw art), and he volunteered to design a beautiful new logo for the IMSA. **THANK YOU TO Robert Armstrong!!!** Robert is an expert in his field, so if you know of a business needing graphic design, please mail your referral or inquiry to him at 200 East "B" ST., Dixon, CA 95620 or Email: Robert.Armstrong@omsoft.com

In the past, the CSPA has received monetary grants to help us put on the annual "**Saw Players' Picnic and Music Festival**", and we were successful in that because we were able to bring publicity and business to the city and county of Santa Cruz. But with the current state of the economy, and limited budgets all around, it doesn't look like this money is now available to us. The CSPA, and now the IMSA, spends money not only to

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