

THE BALBOA BAY CLUB

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To those of us in Newport Beach on Friday, August 11th, 2006, the place to be was The Balboa Bay Club for The Four Freshmen's Southern California special, prior to their appearance at The Oslo International Jazz Festival and the FFS Convention in Pittsburgh. As quoted by **Jim Bennie, So. California's FFS Director**, in his reminder flyer to members, "This outdoor concert with the backdrop of the setting sun on the yachts of Newport Beach and Lido Harbors is one of our favorites." How true, how true and mine, too. Obviously it is one of the Four Freshmen's, also, as they have appeared every summer for the last eleven years at this auspicious setting. Bob Ferreira so amplified this, several times, during their two part, thirty song, ninety minute performance. Introduced by Bob Flanigan, the evening was extraordinary with wonderful FF standards, "In Session" highlights, single mike classics concluding with "Blue World" and in the opening session a delightful version of "Nancy (With a Smiling Face)." We all look forward to next summer's Balboa Bay Club grand setting for The Four Freshmen's return. Come join us.

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